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SOVIETS MAKE NEW ARMS REDUCTION PROPOSAL AT GENEVA

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[Text] Geneva, January 16 (XINHUA) -- The fourth round of Soviet-American arms talks opened here yesterday with a short but formal two hour session.

The two delegations met in a large new salon in the Soviet mission prompting chief Soviet negotiator Victor Karpov to say that the surroundings, which are much more spacious than where previous negotiations were held, should also offer more room for discussion by the two sides.

Karpov said he hoped the American delegation would make "appropriate efforts to reach an agreement."

His American counterpart, Max Kampelman, said the United States had come to Geneva "in a constructive spirit" and that he hoped the two sides could find ways to move the world away from nuclear war.

Karpov formally presented to the American side Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's arms reduction proposals which he announced yesterday.

These call for a 50 percent reduction in nuclear arms by both superpowers in the next five to eight years. After this has been achieved Gorbachev proposes that other nuclear-capable countries begin disarmament and that by 1999 all nuclear weapons be eliminated. Moscow also announced a three-month extension of the expired moratorium on nuclear tests that it had announced last August.

Karpov told reporters here that the Soviet union "wants to discuss the new proposals in detail," during the present round of negotiations.

A source close to the American delegation said the U.S. objection to the Soviet proposal rests on the fact that the disarmament plan is contingent on the U.S. abandoning President Reagan's "star wars" project to which both the U.S. and a number of its NATO allies are committed.

Reagan 'Very Grateful'

OW170234 Beijing XINHUA in English 0224 GMT 17 Jan 86

[Text] Washington, January 16 (XINHUA) -- President Ronald Reagan told reporters this morning that the United States is "very grateful" for the latest Soviet proposal on arms control. But he said that it remains to be seen whether the proposal represents a serious Soviet commitment to negotiate on arms control agreement.

Taking part in a picture-taking session in the cabinet room of the White House, Reagan told reporters that the Soviet proposal was "different from things that we've heard in the past from leaders in the Soviet Union." "We are studying it with great care and it's going to depend now on what takes place in Geneva" where the fourth round of negotiations started today.

Asked whether the Soviet proposal represented a new commitment from Moscow to work out an agreement, Reagan said: "We're going to find out."

Meanwhile, White House spokesman Larry Speakes today called on the Soviet Union to back up its latest offer with concrete details at the negotiating table in Geneva.

"We hope the details of the Soviet proposal will prove to represent a helpful step in the arms reduction process and the implementation of the joint statement's call for early progress," he said, referring to the joint statement issued at the Geneva summit last November. If the Soviet proposal is a propaganda, "that will be quickly borne out in Geneva," he said.

Speakes said that Reagan remains "totally committed" to his "star wars" program despite the renewed Soviet appeal for a U.S. abandonment of the program as a condition for deep arms reduction. The spokesman also said the United States is "suspicious" of Soviet intentions and compliance with its unilateral nuclear testing moratorium which took place from August to the end of last year.

White House officials said Reagan received a letter yesterday from Gorbachev, which outlined a broad timetable for the elimination of all nuclear weapons by the end of the century and announced a three-month extension of the Soviet moratorium on nuclear tests.

#### White House Reaction

OW162039 Beijing XINHUA in English 1959 GMT 16 Jan 86

[Text] Washington. January 16 (XINHUA) -- The United States generally welcomed the latest Soviet proposal on arms control but expressed serious concern about many of the elements in it.

In a White House statement yesterday, President Reagan said: "I welcome the Soviets' latest response and hope that it represents a helpful further step in the process." "We, together, with our allies, will give careful study" to Gorbachev's suggestions Reagan said. But he added that many elements of the latest Soviet proposal "are unchanged from previous Soviet positions and continue to cause us serious concern", although "there are others that at first glance may be constructive".

White House officials said Reagan received a letter yesterday from the Soviet leader, which outlined his proposal shortly before it was published in Moscow.

Gorbachev proposed a broad timetable for the elimination of all nuclear weapons by the end of the century and announced a three-month extension of the Soviet moratorium on nuclear tests. But he stressed that this comprehensive disarmament process could start only if the United States joins the Soviet Union in renouncing "the development, testing and deployment of space strike weapons", the Soviet term of Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).

While viewing this as an effort intended to put more international pressure on the United States to abandon SDI, the Reagan administration is "very interested" in some of Gorbachev's extensive proposal, according to White House officials quoted by the press reports here. The officials were particularly intrigued by Gorbachev's proposal for "complete liquidation" of U.S. and Soviet medium-range missiles in Europe. They noted that the proposal was devoid of the previous Soviet demand that British and French nuclear systems be counted against weapons allowed to the United States in Europe.

"The most significant movement appears to have taken place in the area of intermediate-range nuclear forces, although the language requires clarification," said one official who is involved in arms control issues.

At the same time, the White House officials said that some points in Gorbachev's proposal were less significant and encouraging, particularly his insistence on U.S. ban of SDI program, a condition the Reagan administration has repeatedly rejected.

They also noted that the three-month extension of Soviet moratorium on nuclear tests was meaningless because, they said, the Soviet Union usually did very little underground nuclear testing in the first three months of the year.

#### U.S. Officials Comment

OW162035 Beijing XINHUA in English 1955 GMT 16 Jan 86

[Text] Washington, January 16 (XINHUA) -- U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz today dismissed Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's comprehensive arms control proposal, made public yesterday in Moscow, as a "bid for public opinion" and a further move by Moscow to put pressure on the United States to abandon the "star wars" program.

Interviewed on the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Morning News" program, Shultz said that the seriousness of the proposal "would have been highlighted if it had been tabled first in Geneva, or basically the United States would have been given a chance to take a look at it before it went public".

Anyway, he said, "They've tabled it and we are responding to it publicly as best we can on short notice." "But the place for the negotiation, of course, is Geneva," he stressed.

Meanwhile on Capitol Hill, Senator John Warner, who heads a strategic weapons sub-committee, told reporters that the United States should view the Soviet proposal "with cautious optimism". "The dangers are whether they have done this for propaganda," he said.

In a statement yesterday, President Reagan welcomed Gorbachev's proposal but said that many elements contained in the proposal "are unchanged from previous Soviet positions and continue to cause us serious concern".

#### UK Studying Proposal

OW170732 Beijing XINHUA in English 0716 GMT 17 Jan 86

[Text] London, January 16 (XINHUA) -- Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's new arms control proposals contain new elements that should be studied carefully, the British Foreign Office said today.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the proposals contain "new elements which will require full and careful study," although it was a repetition of existing ideas.

According to the spokesman, details of the latest Soviet three-stage plan to eliminate nuclear weapons by the year 2000 were presented to the Foreign Office last night by the Soviet ambassador to the U.K., Victor Popov.

#### FRG To Study Proposal

OW170746 Beijing XINHUA in English 0646 GMT 17 Jan 86

[Text] Bonn, January 16 (XINHUA) -- The Federal German Government today welcomed the new proposal on arms reduction put forward by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and promised to study it carefully.

Gorbachev proposed in Moscow Wednesday night total elimination of nuclear weapons by the end of the century.

Federal German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said in the newspaper BILD ZEITUNG, to be published Friday, that the Federal Government would give a "careful study" of the Soviet proposal.

The Christian Democratic Union-Christian Social Union parliamentary group's spokesman for disarmament policy Todenhöfer said that Gorbachev's proposal had concrete new contents, which, he said, increased the possibility of a breakthrough in arms reduction. He said that the ruling parties would carefully study the new proposal in a constructive spirit.

Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Hans-Dietrich Genscher said that his government hoped the new Soviet proposal would stand the test in the search for essential progress in nuclear arms reduction.

Genscher said that Bonn, together with Western allies would carefully study the new contents of the proposal.

Japan Withholds Comment

OW162006 Beijing XINHUA in English 1948 GMT 16 Jan 86

[Text] Tokyo, January 16 (XINHUA) -- Japan today withheld direct comment on Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's new three-stage disarmament proposal.

In a statement released here, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said that it would rather not comment on the specifics of the proposal at this time because it is broad-ranging and there are many points requiring further clarification. The ministry said much study needs to be done on the details of the proposal.

The statement reiterated Japan's basic position that if SS-20 missiles are withdrawn from the European theater, the same arrangements should also prevail in Asia. However, the statement said "It is worth noting that Gorbachev has taken the position that in the long-term perspective looking ahead to the 21st century nuclear weapons must ultimately be abolished."

Perez de Cuellar Welcomes Proposal

OW170313 Beijing XINHUA in English 0246 GMT 17 Jan 86

[Text] United Nations, January 16 (XINHUA) -- U.N. Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar welcomes the latest disarmament proposals initiated by Soviet leader Gorbachev, a U.N. spokesman said at a regular noon news briefing today.

The U.N. secretary-general received a personal communication from General Secretary Gorbachev through a Soviet representative late yesterday, the spokesman said. It outlined the comprehensive proposals on a number of "highly important disarmament issues."

Gorbachev's proposals were made public yesterday in Moscow, which include a call for elimination of all nuclear weapons by the year 2000.

The secretary-general hoped that "these and other initiatives directed at freeing the world from the threat of nuclear conflict." The arms race will receive the most careful study, both in U.S.-Soviet negotiations and multilateral forums, he said.

LIAOWANG HAILS INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE

HK160725 Beijing LIAOWANG in Chinese No 1, 6 Jan 86 p 4

[Commentator's article: "Welcoming the International Peace Year"]

[Text] In order to promote the worldwide activities for safeguarding peace, the United Nations has named 1986 "International Peace Year." Like people all over the world, the Chinese people also need peace. Peace and development are the two major questions that the present world has to handle, and peace is a necessary condition for development. Therefore, the Chinese people support the UN decision and are willing to join other peoples of the world in carrying out an unremitting struggle to safeguard world peace.

Since the founding of the PRC, China has scored brilliant achievements in all fields of socialist construction over the past 3 decades and more, but the country has not yet completely freed herself from the long-standing backward economic and cultural conditions. Since the 3d Plenary Session of the 11th CPC Central Committee, the party has shifted the focus of its work to socialist modernization construction. The whole party and the whole nation will work with one heart and one mind to realize our modernization program and will build China into a modern socialist country with her own characteristics through decades or even a century's efforts, so as to achieve the goal of making our country strong and making our people rich and to place our country in the ranks of the world's advanced countries. Therefore, China needs a stable international environment for a long time to come. Proceeding from the interests of the Chinese people and from the interests of all peoples in the world, the Chinese Government has adopted a foreign policy based on the principles of independence, self-determination, and peace, and has committed itself to the tasks of opposing hegemonism and maintaining world peace.

In the past, the Chinese people tasted to the full the bitterness caused by the imperialist powers' contention over their country and the imperialist powers' armed invasions of their motherland. In modern human history, all worldwide wars have been caused by big powers' contention for hegemony and for their spheres of influence. Hegemonism is the root cause of all worldwide wars. Only by opposing hegemonism can we safeguard world peace; and one must oppose hegemonism if one is to maintain world peace. At all times, China will firmly oppose hegemonism in any field. China will not enter into an alliance with any big power, but this does not mean that China is pursuing a neutral and equidistant policy. We will judge the rights and wrongs on the merit of each case by seeing whether an event is favorable to peace and whether it is in the interests of the Third World, the people of the whole world, and the Chinese people, and we will independently decide our position on the basis of this judgment. China is still an economically, culturally, and technologically less developed country, but China is a big country with a population of 1 billion people. So China's pursuit of an independent foreign policy will be the best way to contribute to the maintenance of world peace.

China will never participate in any arms race, and will oppose all arms races. In the international arena, China has decided to reduce its army by 1 million troops and to shift some of its military industrial establishments to civilian consumer goods production. Meanwhile, some military airports and ports in China will also be open for civilian use. The Army is going all out to train its soldiers as people capable of both military and civilian work.

Since her early years, the PRC has begun to pursue a peace policy and to regard the Five Principles for Peaceful Coexistence as the norm for international relations.

China does not establish military bases and station troops in other countries, does not seek hegemony, and does not interfere in other countries' internal affairs. This has won high prestige for China in the international community. China is sincerely willing to get along in harmony with every country on the basis of the Five Principles for Peaceful Coexistence and to conduct economic and technological exchanges and develop relations with them on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. We will not determine whether to be friendly or distant toward a country according to the difference or similarity in social system and ideology between the two countries. If all countries in the world can really handle international relations according to the Five Principles for Peaceful Coexistence, then world peace will be guaranteed.

Like China, other Third World nations also suffered profoundly from the big power's contention for hegemony and wars in the past, and today they are also facing the arduous task of building and developing their own countries. They constitute an important force for safeguarding world peace. China always sides with the Third World countries and supports their just struggle to safeguard national sovereignty and independence, to oppose imperialism, colonialism, hegemonism, and racism and to jointly maintain world peace. At present, the world trend is that more and more countries are concerned with world peace and the easing of international tensions. Now, the danger of war remains as the superpowers are still engaged in an arms race which is expanding to outer space; but the factors that check war and the forces for maintaining world peace are also growing and have surpassed the growth in the factors that may lead to the outbreak of war. The maintenance of world peace is a matter concerning all mankind. Now, to usher in the international peace year, the Chinese people are to join all peace-loving countries and peoples in the world in taking vigorous action and making contributions to the cause of peace. As long as all peace-loving countries and peoples in the world continue to be united in their common struggle, we believe that world peace will certainly be maintained and a new world war will be prevented.

'HARSH' U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD S PACIFIC ZONE VIEWED

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[("Roundup: U.S. Harsh Attitude Towards South Pacific Nuclear-Free Zone (by Sun Tingzheng)" -- XINHUA headline]

[Text] Canberra, January 16 (XINHUA) -- A U.S. congressmen delegation came to the region and uttered hardening words to both New Zealand and Australia, urging them to alter their nuclear-ban policy. This happened before a South Pacific Forum delegation is going to visit five nuclear powers, seeking their endorsement to the South Pacific nuclear-free zone treaty.

The 12-member U.S. House of Representatives Armed Services Committee delegation is led by New York Democrat Sam Stratton. Before leaving Washington on January 8, Sam Stratton announced that the delegation will hold talks with the recipient nations about the South Pacific nuclear-free zone treaty as well as the influence the treaty would have on the ANZUS alliance (among Australia, New Zealand and the U.S.).

The delegation has already visited New Zealand, French Polynesia and Antarctica before their arrival in Australia on January 14.

After meeting Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke in Sydney yesterday, the U.S. delegation at a press conference gave the ANZUS allies a rather serious warning. Stratton said the South Pacific nuclear-free zone treaty "would proliferate the kind of thing the New Zealanders have been doing", and "some Australian politicians" were as "unrealistic" as the New Zealanders over the proposal to create a South Pacific nuclear-free zone. He said bluntly that Australia and the U.S. had differences of opinion over the nuclear-free zone treaty. The U.S. opposed a total ban on nuclear testing, which was a vital element of maintaining a credible nuclear deterrent.

Another member of the delegation Californian Republican Bob Badham said that New Zealand's action has been a "slap in the face" for the United States. However, he added that New Zealand is a "treasured and beloved ally", and the U.S. wants to resolve the problem amicably "in the realm of a family discussion". He noted that the reason why the congressmen had paid the visit to Australia was to consider whether "there are some sort of negotiations that can be done between the Australian Government and New Zealand." He declared that Washington might have to send New Zealand a "heavy signal".

The South Pacific nuclear-free zone treaty was adopted unanimously by thirteen member countries of the South Pacific Forum in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, last August. The treaty provides for ban on nuclear testing, the dumping of nuclear waste in the sea, the manufacture or storage of nuclear devices, and the diversion of nuclear materials from peaceful to military use. The treaty agrees that the participant countries decide by themselves whether to allow foreign nuclear armed or powered ships into their ports providing that nuclear weapons will not be used against any South Pacific country.

Observers here believe that a tit for tat struggle will continue among the ANZUS allies. Washington would not endure the "slap in the face", but still hopes to maintain close tripartite relations by exerting certain pressure on its two allies. There is no strong indication, however, that New Zealand and Australia will succumb to this pressure.

The route to South Pacific nuclear-free zone is not smooth. Four of the thirteen countries in the region haven't yet signed the treaty.

More tortuous is that, the French Government's hard commitment's to continuing the nuclear tests at Mururoa in the South Pacific apart from the controversial attitude of the United States.

GROUP DISCLOSES U.S. UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS

OW152149 Beijing XINHUA in English 1935 GMT 15 Jan 86

[Text] Washington, January 15 (XINHUA) -- The United States conducted as many as 19 unannounced underground nuclear tests from 1980 to 1984, according to a study by a private American research group.

The study, prepared by the Natural Resources Defense Council and quoted by the press here today, revealed for the first time the scope of the U.S. nuclear testing since the Reagan administration decided in 1982 to black out all nuclear tests conducted by both the United States and the Soviet Union.

The U.S. Administration has announced that it carried out altogether 82 underground nuclear tests from 1980 to 1984, including eight that were conducted for Britain.

The study showed that the first four years of the Reagan administration were the most active period for American nuclear tests since 1970 and were about one-third more active than during the Carter administration.

In an interview with the WASHINGTON POST earlier this week, one of the authors of the study said that the secret nuclear tests stand in contrast to the Reagan administration's public-relations policy for its Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). In an effort to build support for SDI at home, he said, the Defense Department frequently issues films and statements about successful tests of defensive weapons. But the fact is "they are also working on the next generation of nuclear weapons," he added.

Last month, the United States rejected once more a call by the Soviet Union to join its unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing started early last August.

LI PENG MEETS USSR TRANSPORT, TRADE DELEGATIONS

OW161550 Beijing XINHUA in English 1512 GMT 16 Jan 86

[Text] Beijing, January 16 (XINHUA) -- Vice-Premier Li Peng met Soviet transport and trade delegations, both led by Soviet First Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade G. K. Zhuravlev, here today.

The delegations have been invited here by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade to discuss the transport of goods between the countries and this year's bilateral trade.

Li welcomed the signing today of a summary of talks on 1986-1990 transport of foreign trade. He said he hoped trade links between China and the Soviet Union would develop steadily.

The summary was signed by Zhuravlev and Wang Pingqin, Chinese vice-minister of foreign economic relations and trade. Earlier, Zheng Tuobin, minister of foreign economic relations and trade, met the Soviet transport delegation.

PRC, USSR SIGN SPORTS EXCHANGE PROTOCOL

OW161530 Beijing XINHUA in English 1510 GMT 16 Jan 86

[Text] Beijing, January 16 (XINHUA) -- A 1986 Sino-Soviet sports exchange protocol was signed here today.

The document was signed by He Zhenliang, vice-minister of the Chinese Physical Culture and Sports Commission, and Rusak Nikolay Ivanovich, first vice-chairman of the Physical Culture and Sports Committee under the U.S.S.R. Council of Ministers [name and title as received].

Present on the signing ceremony was Li Menghua, minister of the Chinese Physical Culture and Sports Commission, who later gave a banquet in honour of all members of the Soviet sports workers' delegation led by Rusak Nikolay Ivanovich. Present on the two occasions was V. P. Fedotov, minister counsellor of the Soviet Embassy here.

Rusak Nikolay Ivanovich and his party visited Shanghai and Guangzhou before they arrived here on January 9.

RENMIN RIBAO ON SOVIET USE OF TITLE 'HERO'

HK150309 Beijing RENMIN RIBAO in Chinese 8 Jan 86 p 6

["Jottings" by Xu Ping: "Trampling on the Title 'Hero'"]

[Text] In a battle somewhere in Konar Province in Afghanistan, down to the last of his ammunition and cut off from help, First Lieutenant (Kuzhynizhou) a member of the Soviet Army invading Afghanistan, surrounded by Afghan resistance forces, set off the last of his handgrenades, killing himself and the enemy. The Soviet authorities conferred the title of "Soviet Hero" on this lieutenant.

This information was recently carried in the Soviet Army publication KRASNAYA ZVEZDA. This newspaper gave the "heroic deeds" of this lieutenant general quite a buildup.

"Soviet Hero" -- this is of course an awe-inspiring title. It may be recalled that during the period of the war to defend the country, an ordinary soldier named (Matulusov) was posthumously declared a Soviet hero for blocking the barrel of an enemy gun with his chest, since his munitions supply was exhausted.

This had a substantial "impact" on the Soviet people and the progressive people of various countries. Thousands upon thousands of Red Army fighters shouted the slogans "(Matulusov)-type fighters, forge ahead!" "Follow (Matulusov) in marching forward!" as they charged forward on the battlefield bravely resisting the German fascists. In the rear areas of the Soviet Union, at the workshops of various factories, or in the fields of collective farms, CYL members, whether at work or in struggle, all held up (Matulusov) as an example. In the Soviet Union at that time, (Matulusov) was not the only hero. (Zhozhi), (Shula), (Olika), and others were heroes who bravely sacrificed their lives for a just cause and were sources of inspiration to a great number of people in triumphing over the fascists. They not only lived in the memories of peace-loving people, but were also sources of strength that inspired the struggle of the people of various countries.

But 40-odd years have since passed. Given the Soviet Union's presence on the Afghan battlefield as an aggressor, everything has been done to build up (Kuzhynizhov) as a "Soviet hero" who was decorated with honors and medals. But all this has fallen flat, with not so much as a ripple produced.

Why is it that two "Soviet Heroes," one 40 years ago and another later -- the same Soviets who shed their blood on the battlefield -- have made such a vastly different impact on people's minds? The only reason is that one is a hero who resisted aggression in defense of the motherland. He carried weight as a person who died on the solemn battlefield in defense of the motherland. Another is cannon fodder sacrificed to the Soviet policy of expansion. He carries no weight since he was a person who died in a battle of aggression against a small nation.

For a long time, to boost morale and dupe the people at home, Soviet media organs have always "dressed up" troops of the Soviet Army invading Afghanistan as "Soviet Heroes." But the Soviet regime also knows at heart that such propaganda has proved so "ineffective." So, as one report says, when wounded Soviet soldiers "made heroes" returned to the country from Afghanistan, they are greeted with no victory songs or ceremony of greeting. The bodies of thousands upon thousands of officers and men who have died in an unjust war can only be sent home quietly, with everything simplified. It may be asked: How can such "heroes" have a convincing and inspirational effect on others?

To put it bluntly, as far as many Soviet soldiers bogged down on the Afghan battlefield are concerned, the question that occupies their minds is not how to act as so-called "heroes" but "what are they fighting for in Afghanistan?" A Soviet soldier named (Nikolai Golovin) admitted that he had been deceived. he said: "This is not my motherland. This is not my nation. Why should I die here?" Given such an upset state of mind and no way to leave Afghanistan, more and more Soviet soldiers involved in the invasion of Afghanistan have disposed of military supplies, munitions, and even weapons to buy heroin to smoke in an attempt to escape from it all or to find an answer.

No one can hold his own as a hero with only a title. His magnificent deeds must have left an imprint on people's minds. The Soviet Union insists on including people like (Kuzhynizhov) among the ranks of "Soviet Heroes," but they end up only making a mockery of such a title of honor and its glorious history.

FURTHER COVERAGE OF ABE-SHEVARDNADZE TOKYO TALKS

LD161436 Beijing XINHUA in English 1325 GMT 16 Jan 86

[Text] Tokyo, January 16 (XINHUA) -- Visiting Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze today expressed concern at the U.S. military presence in Asia countering Abe's statement yesterday that Japan is anxious about the growing Soviet military buildup in the Far East. This was disclosed by a press release issued after the second round of Japan-Soviet foreign ministerial talks that ended here today.

Shevardnadze, the first Soviet foreign minister to visit Japan in 10 years, arrived yesterday for a five-day visit to probe the way of improving relations between Tokyo and Moscow.

Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman Yoshio Hatano described today's talks as "very frank, constructive and cordial," in comparison with yesterday's "frank and business-like" talks. The spokesman declined to elaborate.

The two ministers' second round of talks was held this morning at the Iikura Guesthouse under tight security. According to the press release, Shevardnadze explained the Soviet proposal on arms control and disarmament before the two ministers began to discuss regional issues.

The Soviet foreign minister renewed his country's call for promotion of "confidence-building measures and security guarantees in Asia," and reaffirmed the Soviet position on the Korean peninsula.

The press release said that Abe, in turn, explained the Japanese views on [words indistinct]. The two ministers are scheduled to hold the third round of talks later today.

Talks End 16 Jan

OW161957 Beijing XINHUA in English 1939 GMT 16 Jan 86

[Text] Tokyo, January 16 (XINHUA) -- Japanese and Soviet foreign ministers ended their two days of formal talks, convinced that more dialogues should be continued. Japanese Foreign Ministry officials, who asked not to be named, told reporters tonight that the two ministers discussed in some details the territorial dispute.

Japan has insisted that the northern islands issue is a major obstacle in the way of improving its relations with the Soviet Union while Moscow has repeatedly asserted that there is no territorial issue to talk about. The very fact that the two ministers sat to discuss the problem, as it is believed here, marks a minor concession by the Soviets although there is still no sign of any solution.

The Foreign Ministry officials declined to comment on today's discussion. Neither did he give an indication as to if and how the topic will be mentioned in the communique to be issued prior to Shevardnadze's departure.

On economic contacts, Shevardnadze welcomed Abe's proposal to upgrade the annual working-level trade consultations to a deputy ministerial one and to hold the first upgraded talks on March 11-12 in Moscow. However, Abe said that Japan has no plans to conclude a long-term economic cooperation pact proposed by the Soviet Union.

The Japanese foreign minister said that the four Japan-Soviet chemical projects will lead to an expansion of trade between the two countries. Shevardnadze expressed the hope that his country can reach a basic agreement with Japan on details of a natural gas project, the officials said. Abe said his government is ready to resume the Japan-Soviet Science and Technology Cooperation talks suspended after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

The two ministers agreed that Abe will pay a return visit to Moscow this year before Shevardnadze's second trip to Japan in 1987. Meanwhile, the Soviet diplomatic chief pledged to make efforts to sign a culture pact with Japan when Abe is in Moscow later this year. According to the officials, Shevardnadze also explained Gorbachev's three-stage nuclear disarmament proposal announced yesterday. The two sides are expected to work on a joint communique to be published before the Soviet minister leaves for Pyongyang later this week.

#### JAPAN OPENS CONSULATE-GENERAL IN SHENYANG

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[Text] Shenyang, January 16 (XINHUA) -- A Japanese consulate-general opened today in Shenyang, capital of Liaoning Province. Consul-General Takashi Arinobu held a reception in celebration of the opening this afternoon.

This is the third Japanese consulate-general in China, in addition to those in Shanghai and Guangzhou.

#### CHEN PIXIAN MEETS, FETES DPRK DELEGATION

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[Text] Beijing, January 16 (XINHUA) -- Chen Pixian, vice-chairman of China's National People's Congress Standing Committee, met here today a delegation from the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The delegation is led by Son Song-pil, vice-chairman of the Korean Supreme People's Assembly and president of the Korean Red Cross Society.

During the meeting, Chen said that he was pleased with the frequent exchanges between the Chinese and Korean Red Cross Societies. Chen gave a luncheon for the Korean visitors after the meeting.

#### PRC, DPRK SIGN PROTOCOL FOR GOODS SUPPLY

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[Text] Pyongyang, January 16 (XINHUA) -- A Sino-Korean protocol on mutual supply of goods for 1986 was signed here today by Chen Jie, representative of the Chinese minister of foreign trade, and Kim Paek-song, vice-minister of foreign trade of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). Chen and a Chinese Government trade delegation he is leading arrived here on January 3 for talks on the protocol. DPRK Vice-Premier and Chairman of the Foreign Trade Commission Kim Pok-sin received the Chinese delegation on Tuesday and expressed her satisfaction with the success of the talks.

The DPRK vice-premier noted that the implementation of the protocol will help strengthen the friendship between the two nations. On behalf of the DPRK Central People's Committee, Vice-President Pak Song-chol yesterday conferred on Chen the First Order of Friendship.

RENMIN RIBAO COMMENTARY ON CENTRAL AMERICAN PEACE

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[Text] Beijing, January 16 (XINHUA) -- The leading Chinese newspaper PEOPLE'S DAILY today praised the Contadora Group and the Lima group for their fresh effort which has brought about "new hope" for realizing peace in Central America.

The paper says in a commentary that the two groups, currently meeting in Venezuela, have issued a declaration reaffirming its resolve to push ahead with peace negotiations for Central America and setting out explicit steps and goals toward the end, after surmounting one difficulty after another. This, the paper says, "has brought a new hope of peace to Central America."

In recent years, the paper recalls, the Contadora Group has failed to conclude a peace pact for Central America even though dozens of meetings of different kinds had been held. Late last year, the nine-nation meeting attended by full-powered representatives also failed to arrive at an accord because of internal differences and outside meddling. Certain countries then called for a five-month moratorium on the peace mediation, thus halting the Contadora Group's peace efforts.

Under such circumstances, the paper says, the ability of the Contadora Group to work for peace was questioned in public opinion, with certain Western news agencies even alleging that its peace overtures were "dying."

Now, the opening of the foreign ministers meeting of the eight nations who formed the two groups has demonstrated that "the Contadora Group's peace overtures meet the interests and aspirations of the Central American people and enjoy widespread backing, thus testifying to the vitality of the Contadora spirit and the futility of those pessimistic allegations," the paper says.

It is noteworthy, the paper continues, that a disturbing, complicated situation has emerged in Central America after the peace efforts of the contador group were stalled. The declaration issued by the current foreign ministers meeting warned that "as Central American peace is now at stake, a diplomatic vacuum would be created in the region which might heighten tension. Hence it is necessary to instill new vitality into the Contadora-sponsored negotiations." It has been a long-held idea of the Contadora Group that "the sole fair and just solution to Central American issues lies in freeing the region from East-West rivalry and ensuring its peoples the right to self-determination without outside interference." This is a concentrated reflection of the Latin American peoples' will and aspirations, the paper notes.

The paper praises the Contadora Group for its "unreplaceable role" in Central American affairs in preventing the region from sliding into a crisis. "Any attempt to stall the peace process initiated by the Contadora Group will be spurned," the paper notes.

The paper concludes by saying that with the energetic backing of Latin American countries, the Contadora Group will press ahead with its peace process with even greater vigor and resolve, and no force can arrest it.

RENMIN RIBAO ON DEVELOPING SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

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["World Affairs" column by Guo Weicheng: "Opening Up a Broad Scope for South-South Cooperation[]

[Text] A recent study of the Latin American economic system pointed out that Latin American countries can promote trade among them in the form of compensation trade. This form of trade does not require the direct use of foreign exchange, so it can solve the problem caused by Latin American countries' shortage of foreign exchange in the course of trade.

Although this proposal is still not sound enough, it shows a hopeful orientation in the development of trade. By changing the import of goods from areas outside Latin America to the purchase of similar goods from the same region, Latin American countries can save a great deal of foreign exchange. This will be a good way for them to overcome their economic difficulties. Commenting on this plan, a Latin American newspaper pointed out that this will "break new ground for a broad scope that has been left almost untapped." It added that the fact that most Latin American countries are short of foreign exchange shows "the existence of an actual foundation for trade in a compensation form."

We should say that the proposal on the Latin American economic system is full of imagination and is also realistic and feasible. In recent years, Latin American countries have been embittered by heavy foreign debt burdens. Each year they have to use huge amounts of foreign exchange to repay principal and interest. Some countries which have deeply run into debt have to use a large portion of their foreign exchange earnings to fill the abyss caused by international usury. In order to pay their debts, Latin American countries have tried by every possible means to expand exportation, but their efforts encounter the hurdle caused by the protectionist measures adopted by developed countries and by the decline in raw materials prices on international markets. This has made it more difficult for them to earn foreign exchange. They have been forced to reduce or even suspend the import of some necessary goods due to the serious shortage of foreign exchange. However, the reduction in import and export business has in turn led to an economic recession in these countries and affected their governments' revenue. Such a vicious cycle has adversely affected the economic development of Latin American countries.

Faced with this unfavorable situation, Latin American countries urgently need a method which can expand their import and exports and can also economize on foreign exchange. According to the proposal on the Latin American economic system, by carrying out trade in the form of compensation rather than on the basis of paying foreign exchange, the Latin American countries may achieve the above purpose. This is a scheme of great significance.

Moreover, this trade form can also be introduced to other regions beyond Latin America and be widely adopted by developing countries. When visiting four Latin American countries last year, Premier Zhao Ziyang repeatedly put forward his proposal for conducting barter trade between China and Latin American countries. In the course of barter, the two sides involved exchange goods and technologies of the same value without using hard currency in the deals. Premier Zhao's idea coincided with the proposal on the Latin American economic system and drew the attention of political and business circles of the four countries. They agreed that this would be an effective way to substantially increase trade between China and Latin American countries.

China's level of development is similar to that of the Latin American countries, and each side has its own special characteristics. We can first find out the other side's needs and then exchange goods for goods on the basis of mutual benefit. The value difference may be compensated through other means. This form of trade on the basis of barter and compensation will be greatly beneficial to both sides. Its significance not only lies in the expansion of cooperation between China and Latin America, but also lies in the first that it can be widely adopted as an important form in South-South cooperation.

In order to promote their own development, many developing countries are actively promoting North-South dialogue. However, further strengthening South-South cooperation is also an issue that urgently needs to be considered and solved. When calling for developed countries to remove their nontariff barriers and protectionist measures, developing countries should unite to do something through serious studies such as that on the Latin American economic system, so as to develop South-South cooperation and to build up our own economic strength. We can use South-South cooperation to promote North-South dialogue and to strive for the establishment of a new international economic order.

WU XUEQIAN SPEAKS AT NPC STANDING COMMITTEE SESSION

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[Text] Beijing, 16 Jan (XINHUA) -- Reporting at the 14th Session of the 6th NPC Standing Committee today on the world situation and China's diplomatic work in 1985, Wu Xueqian, state councillor and minister of foreign affairs, said that 1985 was a year in which China achieved new and major successes in its socialist modernization as well as fruitful results in carrying out its independent and peaceful diplomatic policy.

Wu Xueqian said: During the past year, China upheld its independent and peaceful diplomatic policy and carried out extensive diplomatic work. China's relations with various countries of the world grew. Our friends increased, and our international status and prestige rose. As an important force for peace and development in the world today, China won increasingly greater attention from the international community.

Commenting on developments and changes in the 1985 international situation, Wu Xueqian said: Generally speaking, the atmosphere of international tension relaxed somewhat over the past year, and this was most noticeable in U.S.-Soviet relations, which changed from rigid confrontation to confrontation with dialogue.

He said: Contacts and negotiations between the United States and the USSR continued in 1985. To prevent their confrontation from going out of control, both sides resumed their dialogue. This led to some relaxation of their bilateral relations and the atmosphere of the international situation. This is praiseworthy. However, the United States and the Soviet Union should take concrete steps toward a real relaxation of the international situation rather than simply paying lip service to statements about "not seeking military superiority" and "preventing the outbreak of war." They should reach agreement on drastically reducing their nuclear arsenals and stopping their arms race in outer space through earnest negotiations to create necessary conditions for a total ban and complete destruction of nuclear weapons.

He said: Although the United States and the Soviet Union have resumed their dialogue, their arms race still continues, and none of the "hot spots" -- regional problems endangering world peace and stability -- have been resolved. The Soviet military occupation of Afghanistan has gone on for 6 years, and Vietnam's war of aggression against Cambodia has gone on for 7 years. The intensification of the Soviet armed occupation of Afghanistan has failed to subdue the Afghan people. Rather, the Soviet Union has become bogged down even deeper in the quagmire and become very isolated internationally. Although the Soviet Union has stated that it is ready to settle the Afghanistan issue politically, it has shown no sincerity about troop withdrawal. The Vietnamese aggressor troops, backed by the Soviet Union, launched a dry-season offensive last year in an attempt to annihilate the patriotic forces of Democratic Kampuchea in one stroke. They failed. Democratic Kampuchean forces not only have preserved their effective strength, they have also penetrated deeper into the interior to carry out extensive guerrilla war. While trying to swallow up Cambodia by military means, Vietnam has continued to play the trick of settling the Cambodian issue politically in an attempt to deceive public opinion, undermine ASEAN unity, and divide the three forces of Democratic Kampuchea and annihilate them one by one. Confronted with military pressure and political conspiracy, the three patriotic forces headed by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk have withstood severe tests.

They have strengthened their solidarity in dealing with the enemy and are determined to carry out their patriotic struggle against Vietnam through to the end until final victory is won. Both Cambodia and Afghanistan are our neighbors, and we cannot help but show special concern for their being invaded and occupied. We firmly support the Cambodian and Afghan peoples' struggle against foreign aggression until they have driven out the foreign aggressors. The total withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia is the key to settling the Cambodian issue politically. When Vietnam withdraws all its troops from Cambodia, lets the Cambodian people determine their own affairs, and stops its anti-China provocations, Sino-Vietnamese relations can improve, and peace and stability in Southeast Asia can be ensured.

Wu Xueqian said: The dialogue and contacts between the northern and southern parts of Korea last year produced some results. The situation on the Korean peninsula relaxed somewhat, but military confrontation still exists. We firmly support the DPRK's proposal for achieving independent and peaceful reunification and support North-South dialogue and all other efforts to ease tension on the Korean peninsula.

He said: In the Middle East, the conflicting parties turned from military confrontation to political negotiation. We support the lofty goal of the Arab countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization to recover their lost territory and restore their national rights through all forms of struggle; we support their proposal to discuss the Middle East issue at an international conference sponsored by the United Nations and attended by various parties concerned. In southern Africa, the South African authorities strengthened their racist rule, invaded and harassed neighboring countries, and obstructed the independence of Namibia. The situation there is turbulent. We support the African people's struggle against the South African authorities' racist and expansionist policies, and we support the Namibian people's struggle for national independence. Owing to interference from outside forces, the situation in Central America has become even more complex and unstable. We support the Contadora Group's peaceful efforts; we support the Central American countries' and people's struggle for national independence and sovereignty and against outside interference.

We Xueqian pointed out: The world economy also faced grave problems in 1985. The world's economic growth was noticeably slowing down. An overwhelming majority of countries were confronted with economic difficulties in varying degrees. Uneven world economic development continued, and frictions in international trade were exacerbated. The economic gap between the developed and Third World countries widened, and North-South dialogue was still deadlocked.

He said: The intermingling of East-West relations with North-South issues has complicated international relations and sharpened contradictions. Peace and development have become an increasingly important matter of concern to people the world over. It is the common aspiration of all people of the world to seek development in peace and to promote peace with development, and this aspiration has become a strong historical trend. The principal task of the Third World countries, which have three-quarters of the world population and which have long been victims of foreign aggression, control, and plunder, is to shake off their poverty and backwardness and consolidate their political independence by developing their national economy. Therefore, they are in urgent need of a peaceful international environment. They are the main force to deter war and safeguard peace, and they are an important factor in expediting world economic development. Europe, which has gone through the scourge of two world wars, is where the world's most developed countries are concentrated and where the world's two largest military blocs confront each other; because it is under the direct threat of the arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union, Europe is deeply concerned about the preservation of peace.

Both Eastern and Western Europe strongly demand disarmament and relaxation of East-West relations and world tension. Both Eastern and Western Europe are important forces to deter war and safeguard peace. Japan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and other developed countries also want a relaxation of East-West relations, and they all want peace and oppose war. Our country is now engaged in socialist modernization and is in need of a peaceful international environment. We firmly oppose the arms race and support practical and effective disarmament. Last year, our government decided to reduce the Armed Forces by 1 million. The international community generally believes that China is an important force in safeguarding peace. In short, the international situation is still beset with tension and turbulence, and people should remain vigilant because there still exists the danger of another world war. However, the development of forces for peace has outstripped the growth of those for war. Through the joint efforts of the forces for world peace, world peace can be preserved.

On China's foreign policy, Wu Xueqian said: In recent years, our country has made timely adjustments in its foreign policy. The current foreign policy of our country is the most correct and forceful since the founding of the People's Republic. Internationally, our country persistently pursues an independent and peaceful foreign policy. That is, we do not attach ourselves to any big power or bloc of countries, nor do we ally or establish strategic relations with them. We stand firmly on the side of the Third World. We oppose hegemonism; safeguard world peace; give active support to any positive proposals conducive to world peace and development; and resolutely oppose all acts of power politics, aggression, and expansion. We do our best to establish and develop friendly relations with all countries of the world on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. We persist in opening to the outside world and in developing economic and technological exchange and cooperation with all countries of the world on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. The independent and peaceful foreign policy is a long-term policy, and not an expedient measure, that China will unwaveringly carry out.

He continued: The year 1985 saw vigorous development of China's diplomatic work. Leaders of our country made good-will visits to more than 40 countries in various parts of the world. On the other hand, our country received leaders from more than 40 countries. Our country signed economic, science and technology, and cultural exchange and cooperation agreements with many countries. Our friendly and cooperative relations with numerous countries were further improved. Last year, more countries -- namely, Bolivia, Grenada, and Nicaragua -- established diplomatic relations with our country. So far, 134 countries have diplomatic ties with us. Last year, the economic and trade contacts and technological exchanges between China and other countries in the world grew further in scale and produced remarkable results. Cultural exchange and contacts in other fields also increased between China and other countries of the world.

Wu Xueqian said: Unity and cooperation between China and the vast number of other Third World countries have been further reinforced. Last year, General Secretary Hu Yaobang visited the South Pacific island countries of Western Samoa, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea. President Li Xiannian visited Burma and Thailand. Premier Zhao Ziyang visited four Latin American countries. Other party and government leaders visited many Asian and African countries, including Korea. All these showed China's policy of attaching importance to developing its relations with Third World countries. There were more than 20 visits to our country by heads of state, government leaders, and other major leaders of Third World countries. All these visits were very successful, attaining the goals of increasing understanding, enhancing friendship, and expanding cooperation. Incessantly strengthening unity and cooperation with Third World countries is China's firm and unwavering policy.

Japan is a near neighbor of our country. Chairman Peng Zhen led an NPC delegation to visit Japan in the first half of last year, furthering the development of Sino-Japanese good-neighboringly and friendly relations. Comrade Hu Yaobang published a four-point opinion on 18 October last year to show China's stand on developing friendly relations between China and Japan, and Prime Minister Nakasone expressed agreement to the opinion. We believe that in the days to come, both sides should do more in-depth and down-to-earth work in accordance with the guidelines of this opinion so as to ensure the continued healthy and smooth development of Sino-Japanese friendly relations. When problems appear, they should be solved in a timely and appropriate manner through friendly consultations. With respect to economic cooperation, both sides should make truly effective efforts on the basis of the results thus far achieved so that Sino-Japanese trade will see steady and balanced development in the direction of active expansion. The two sides should also work together to create conditions for a new situation to emerge in their cooperation in investment and technology transfers. Last year, Premier Zhao visited the United Kingdom, the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Netherlands, while leaders of some Western European countries visited our country. It is an important aspect of our country's foreign policy to develop long-term and stable relations of friendship and cooperation with Western European countries on the basis of common efforts to preserve peace and strengthen economic cooperation. Last year, General Secretary Hu Yaobang visited Australia and New Zealand, and President Li Xiannian visited Canada, thus promoting China's friendly and cooperative relations with these three countries.

China also made encouraging progress in its relations with Eastern European socialist countries last year. Comrade Ceausescu, secretary general of the Romanian Communist Party and president of the Socialist Republic of Romania, visited China again, and Comrade Hu Qili visited Yugoslavia. These visits were a complete success and have further strengthened the close unity and deep friendship between China and these two countries. Our relations with the German Democratic Republic, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Bulgaria have also improved and developed. Continuing to develop relations between China and Eastern European countries meets the basic interests of the Chinese people and the people of Eastern European countries. In general, Sino-U.S. relations recently have been relatively stable. President Li Xiannian visited the United States in July last year, and Vice President Bush visited China in October. These visits were conducive to mutual understanding and the development of relations between the two countries. The two countries also made progress in economic, trade, science and technology, cultural, educational, and other exchange and cooperation. The two sides signed four agreements, including the Sino-U.S. nuclear energy cooperation agreement. Bilateral trade increased over the previous year. The Taiwan issue is still a major obstacle in Sino-U.S. relations, and has always been a serious hidden danger in our relations with the United States. The key to eliminating this obstacle is for the United States to adhere strictly to the principles stated in the three Sino-U.S. joint communiques. We hope that the United States will support our efforts to realize peaceful reunification with practical moves and not hamper them. Some problems also exist in trade, economic, and technological cooperation between the two countries. Recently, the United States relaxed in some ways the transfer of technologies to China. This is a welcome move. We hope that the United States will fundamentally change its discriminatory policies toward China. Sino-Soviet relations have also improved to some extent, with relatively remarkable progress achieved in the economic and trade relations between the two countries. The two sides signed a 1986-90 goods exchange and payment agreement, which laid the foundation for the continued and steady development of economic and trade relations between the two countries. Last year, China's NPC Standing Committee and the USSR Supreme Soviet sent delegations to visit each other, thus resuming ties that had been disrupted for many years. Exchange also increased in some other fields between the two countries. These developments contribute to the mutual understanding and friendship between the people of the two countries.

However, because the obstacles existing in the relations between the two countries have not been removed, Sino-Soviet political relations have not been fundamentally improved. For the fundamental interests of the Chinese and Soviet people, as well as for peace in Asia and the world, we sincerely wish to establish good-neighborly relations with the Soviet Union on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence; we have made positive efforts for that purpose. We have noticed that the new Soviet leaders have expressed willingness to improve relations with China. If the Soviet side is really sincere about this, it should take concrete action to remove the three major obstacles instead of dodging them. First of all, it should take concrete steps to stop supporting Vietnam in its invasion of Cambodia and urge withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia.

In conclusion, Wu Xueqian stressed: We need a long-term, peaceful international environment and extensive international exchanges and cooperation in order to smoothly carry out our socialist modernization programs, enable the people to live comfortably by the end of the century, and gradually bring our living standards closer to that of developed countries. Our diplomatic work should not only be aimed at creating a peaceful environment needed for our socialist modernization drive; it should also adhere to the policy of opening to the outside world and be designed to serve the nation's modernization drive and to expand economic and trade relations as well as scientific, technological, and cultural exchange with all countries of the world on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. After a few year's efforts, we have created a new situation in diplomatic work. Proper handling of domestic affairs is fundamentally important to diplomatic work. If our domestic work is done well, our economy will prosper, our national strength will be strengthened, our international position will be further enhanced, and we will carry more weight in dealing with international affairs. The development and expansion of China's power will mean a boost in momentum for world peace. This meets the fundamental interests of the Chinese people and the people of the world.

#### LEADERS ATTEND FOUNDING OF DEFENSE UNIVERSITY

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[By RENMIN RIBAO reporters Luo Tongsong and Wang Jin and XINHUA reporter Gai Yumin]

[Text] Beijing, 15 Jan (XINHUA) -- Two formally dressed fighters, holding up a bright "1 August" military banner and walking in parade step, advanced to the rostrum to the majestic strains of a military band. Yang Shangkun, vice chairman of the Central Military Commission, received the military banner and solemnly turned it over to Zhang Zhen, president of the National Defense University. This was the historical scene at the founding ceremony for the National Defense University today.

Yang Shangkun, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and vice chairman of the Central Military Commission, and Yang Dezhi, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and chief of the PLA General Staff, attended the founding ceremony for the National Defense University.

Li Peng, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and vice premier of the State Council, on behalf of the party Central Committee and the State Council, extended warm congratulations on the founding of the National Defense University.

The National Defense University was established by combining the PLA Military Academy, the PLA Political Academy, and the PLA Logistics Academy. The establishment of the National Defense University signifies an important step in the structural reform of the training of PLA cadres. It will become a first-rate, high-level military institute with the special characteristics of our country and our Army.

Deng Xiaoping, chairman of the Central Military Commission, wrote the name for the university. Hu Yaobang, Zhao Ziyang, Li Xiannian, Chen Yun, Peng Zhen, Deng Yingchao, Xu Xiangqian, Nie Rongzhen, Li Peng, Yang Shangkun, Yang Dezhi, Yu Qiuli, Zhang Aiping, Hong Xuezhi, and others wrote inscriptions or letters to greet the founding of the National Defense University.

Yang Shangkun read two orders signed by Chairman Deng Xiaoping of the Central Military Commission on establishing the National Defense University of the Chinese People's Liberation Army and assigning the leading group for the National Defense University. Yang Shangkun spoke at the meeting. He said: With the reduction of 1 million members of the PLA, the whole Army is faced with two major tasks. First, to gradually improve our Army's weapons and equipment as our national power increases, and to reduce the gap between weapons and equipment of our Army and those of the armies of the developed countries as quickly as possible. Second, to take advantage of the present favorable opportunity to strengthen education and training for our cadres and cultivate a large number of outstanding people who can meet the need of our Army's modernization. In a certain sense, the training of capable people is a task of prime importance. Therefore, the Central Military Commission decided to establish the National Defense University in order to further improve the system of basic, secondary, and advanced training of the various academies and schools for commanders and create a new situation in the training of our Army. This is a great event of strategic significance.

Yang Shangkun said: The National Defense University is our Army's highest institute. People trained by this university will be capable of handling military, political, and logistic affairs. In order to realize this goal, we must have the ambition to turn the university into a military institute with a level matching the advanced standards in the world, foster a fine style, and make it a model for the revolutionization, modernization, and regularization of the whole Army.

Li Peng said: The establishment of the National Defense University is not only a big event in military building but also an important one on the educational front. In order to run the National Defense University well, we must attach importance to studying Marxist theory and straighten our political orientation. The National Defense University will cultivate senior military personnel; their political quality will have an important bearing on our Army and our country. In view of the special characteristics of the students of the university, the education on Marxist theory must lay stress on raising the students' ability to solve new problems by applying Marxism in our drive for socialist modernization and military building, and on strengthening their belief in principle and improving their work by developing their systematic approach to problems and their foresight and creativity. The National Defense University must create achievements in scientific research as well as train capable people. The university's scientific research work should not only serve the purpose of teaching but also provide a theoretical basis for the party and state in formulating national defense policy and play a consultative role for military leading organs in making decisions.

In his speech, Yang Dezhi encouraged the university to foster a good style. He said: Universities and schools are to educate people, and so, teachers and staff members should set good examples for the students. They should not only teach knowledge but also set good examples in thinking and work style for the students; in this way they can cultivate people with both virtue and ability.

National Defense Minister Zhang Aiping and others also spoke at the meeting.

Zhang Zhen, president of the university, emphatically explained the principles in running the university and spoke on matters of studying style. He said: It is imperative to adhere to reform and create new things in teaching and scientific research work. We must adhere to the policy of opening to other units at home and abroad in running the university, actively expand academic exchange, fully absorb and import science and technology from other units at home and abroad, study hard, and inherit and carry forward Mao Zedong's military thought. We must turn the National Defense University into a truly advanced military institute and a center of both teaching and scientific research so as to cultivate qualified people and create scientific achievements.

Today's meeting was presided over by Li Desheng, political commissar of the National Defense University.

Qin Jiwei, Wang Ping, Xiao Ke, Song Shilun, Liao Hansheng, and Hong Xuezhi as well as responsible persons of various general departments and major units of the PLA stationed in Beijing and other departments concerned attended the meeting.

#### PLA TO RESETTLE 830,000 EX-SERVICEMEN IN 1986

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[Text] Beijing, 15 Jan (ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE) -- An official of the Civil Service Ministry said here today: In 1986 China will make proper arrangements for the resettlement of 800,000 demobilized soldiers, in addition to 30,000 ex-servicemen who were enlisted on a voluntary basis. At present, the majority of these demobilized soldiers have returned from whence they came, and the departments concerned are busy with the work of making proper arrangements for them.

At a press briefing, the official also said: This year the work of making arrangements for demobilized soldiers is being carried out under a new situation in which the PLA is undergoing structural reform and reduction-in-strength reorganization. The work is therefore marked by the fact that the number of demobilized soldiers, and ex-servicemen who were enlisted on a voluntary basis is larger than before, and many of them have received awards for meritorious service in battles. Meanwhile, there are a large number of personnel who are qualified for both military and civilian jobs.

It has been learned that the localities last year made proper arrangements for the relocation of more than 760,000 demobilized soldiers and 30,000 ex-servicemen who were enlisted on a voluntary basis.

#### RENMIN RIBAO COMMENTATOR URGES OBSERVING LAWS

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[Commentator's article: "Observance of All Regulations and Investigation Into All Cases of Violation of Regulations"]

[Text] Last year, a large number of cases of theft and economic swindling took place in our country. In some areas, the number of such criminal cases even greatly increased.

According to the statistics of the relevant department, from January to November of 1985, theft cases involving more than 1,000 yuan increased by more than 100 percent over the whole country, as compared with the number in the corresponding period of the previous year. The number of serious fraud cases increased by more than 70 percent as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year. As far as the crime rate is concerned, ordinary theft cases accounted for 80 percent of the total number of criminal cases. The cases of theft and fraud also made up a big proportion of the major criminal cases. The increase in cases of theft and fraud has not only meant heavy losses of the property of the state, the collectives, and the people, but also seriously affected people's normal production and people's lives. And some of these cases have even given other countries a very bad impression. So, as well as strictly punishing the criminals committing theft and fraud according to law, we must carefully analyze the reasons for the increase in such crimes so as to close the loopholes in our work and adopt effective measures to prevent such crimes.

There are many reasons for the increase in the cases of theft and fraud. Apart from some areas having failed to strictly punish criminals committing theft and fraud, the relevant departments have also failed to implement the relevant rules and regulations, have failed to abide by them, and have failed to punish those who have violated the rules and regulations. For example, the Duan Xiaohua theft case, exposed not long ago by Xian Public Security Bureau, and the Gao Jinghong theft case, exposed in Beijing City; Gao Jinghong is a criminal who often committed crimes in government institutions and Army units stationed in Beijing, and the big fraud cases exposed in Guangdong and Fujian Provinces and some other areas. All these cases tell us that the criminals who commit crimes of theft and fraud are trying their best to use loopholes in some government institutions and units that have failed to abide by the rules and regulations. The guesthouse where Duan Xiaohua committed his crimes all have strict rules and regulations, such as entrance security rules, the regulations for receiving visitors, the duties rules, the rules on who is allowed to stay, and so on. However, these rules and regulations are only empty terms on paper posted on the wall. Criminals could still enter these units without being checked. In some units and departments, some of the staff are irresponsible and some leaders neglect their duties, and the bureaucratism of the cadres is remarkably serious. When summing up the experiences and lessons learned, the staff of some restaurants, guesthouses and hostels said with deep feeling: It is difficult to formulate good rules and regulations, but it is more difficult to implement these rules and regulations. We can no longer just write our rules and regulations on paper and post them on the wall.

Reasonable rules and regulations are the scientific summary of the practical experiences of the broad masses of people, and some of the rules and regulations have been formulated after bloody lessons have been learned. We must strengthen the education among the broad masses of cadres and workers and enable them to understand that the strict implementation of various rules and regulations is necessary for safeguarding normal social order, production order, the order of scientific research, and the order of people's lives, is necessary for safeguarding the smooth progress of the building of socialist modernization, and is necessary for implementing method of the scientific management. It is also a manifestation of being responsible to the country and the people. Once the rules and regulations are formulated, they must be strictly carried out. In carrying out the rules and regulations, we must be impartial and incorruptible, must strictly enforce the law and the principle that everyone is equal before the rules and regulations, and must carry out the rules and regulations to the letter. Without such a strict spirit, we will be unable to strengthen our administration and close the loopholes in our work.

The cadres of various units and departments, especially the leading cadres, must take the lead in carrying out the rules and regulations. This is the key in strictly carrying them out. If the leading cadres take the lead in abiding by the rules and regulations, the masses will certainly abide by them and the phenomena of violating the rules and regulations will be thoroughly wiped out. We should commend and publicize those who strictly carry out the rules and regulations, strictly criticize and educate those who neglect their duties or seriously violate the rules and regulations, and punish according to the law those who commit crimes through abuse of power. Being strict and fair in meting out rewards and punishments, not being swayed by personal considerations, following the rules and regulations, and punishing those who violate them are the necessary conditions for doing our work well in various fields. We must advocate this spirit in carrying out the rules and regulations.

Like everything else, rules and regulations are not unalterable. Along with the continuation of the reform of the economic structure and the development of economic construction, rules and regulations need to be continuously reformed and perfected so as to meet the needs of modernized management. We hope that while strengthening the building of socialist material civilization and socialist spiritual civilization, the various units and departments will carefully examine the situation in implementation of the rules and regulations, will reform those rules and regulations that should be reformed and perfect those that should be perfected, and will gradually formulate a set of rules and regulations centering on the system of personal responsibility in order to safeguard normal production order, work order, and the order of people's lives, and in order to safeguard the smooth progress of economic construction and the reform of the economic structure.

#### SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN HARBIN SWINDLING CASE

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[Text] The Harbin (Huaxia) general integrated industrial company, which was once of great renown, fell into the net of justice spread by the people at long last for engaging in fraud and speculation to the neglect of the law and discipline. Through a thorough investigation of this criminal case over the past 6 months or so, the Harbin People's Procuratorate prosecuted this case before the Harbin City Intermediate Court recently.

(Bao Lianyou), chairman of the board of the company, and (Wang Xingguo), vice chairman of the board of the company and concurrently general manager of the company, were arrested according to the law. (Dai Yuhua), deputy general manager of the company, and (Song Tieyu), secretary general of the company, were released on bail for suspended trials.

In July 1984, various persons, including (Bao Lianyou), under the guise of helping the state tide over difficulties and bringing benefits to the people on the occasion of the economic restructuring, were issued a business license by the Harbin City Industrial and Commercial Bureau as a result of having cheated the bureau by saying that they had 9.7 million yuan in funds and possessed six integrated associations. On 8 August 1984, they established the (Huaxia) general integrated industrial company. After that, they engaged in many deals involving swindling and criminal activities. They signed, in succession, 32 fake contracts, involving 134,856,500 yuan in funds, with 31 units within and outside the province. Of this, they gained, through swindling, 3.216 million yuan in funds from 5 units. Of these funds, 1.186 million yuan were used.

These criminals used extremely despicable means to engage in these swindling activities. In October 1984, they devised as an excuse the purchasing of a second-hand foreign ship to sign an agreement on purchasing this ship with the (Jiubao) District administrative bureau for township- and town-run enterprises in Anshan City and defrauded the bureau of 1 million yuan in deposit funds. They used 300,000 yuan of these funds to pay back the deposit funds for a contracted project to the Harbin oil refinery, and used the rest to purchase cars, color television sets, and electric desk calendars, and to resell cars. In April 1985, when the district bureau discovered the facts, they adopted the same means to swindle the Harbin bearing factory out of 1 million yuan of deposit funds for the sales of steel products, and used these funds to return the debt to the district bureau.

Besides engaging in swindling activities, these criminals were also devoted to speculation and profiteering. They gained illegal profits by reselling 500 Japanese-made color television sets. In the name of acting for the French (Daxinyazhou) International Company Ltd., the American (Xikei) financial group, the north China general company for information on economic and technological development, and a preparatory office for the (Jiangang) thermal power plant, they engaged in even more serious swindling activities. No such units really existed.

After making thorough investigations of this case, the Harbin City Procuratorate obtained sufficient evidence and came to know well that the company was cheating.

#### ECONOMIC LAW VIOLATIONS UNEARTHED IN SHENZHEN

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[Text] Shenzhen City recently cracked a major violation of economic laws. Liu Jun, former general manager of the Shenzhen Petrochemical Supply and Trading Company, and others resold large quantities of imported goods, bought up foreign exchange, engaged in graft and embezzlement, and spent public funds. As a result the operational losses of this company reached 20 million yuan. The leadership group of this company has now been completely reorganized. Liu Jun, Dong Dabao, (Liu Zhongbao) and other criminal elements have been arrested according to law. People connected with the case are now being investigated and dealt with.

The provincial Discipline Inspection Commission has written a note on this case. It says that the violation of law in the Shenzhen Petrochemical Supply and Trading Company is another shocking major economic case unearthed during the province's efforts to reform and open up to the world. Although such cases are only individual affairs during the reform and opening up, the gravity and harmfulness of the damage they do to reform and opening up must certainly not be underestimated.

The note points out: How could such a case occur in this company? How could those criminal elements run so rampant for a time? The main reason is that the department in charge of the company violated the party's cadre policy and randomly employed so-called able hands, with the result that the leadership of the company fell into the hands of a few lawbreakers. This caused very great chaos in the company's management, and there was serious deviation from the socialist orientation.

The provincial Discipline Inspection Commission hopes that the party organizations of all areas and departments will seriously learn a lesson from this typical case.

SHANGHAI PUBLIC SECURITY ARRESTS SWINDLER, GANG

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[Excerpts] Beijing, 14 Jan (XINHUA) -- Last June, the Shanghai Municipal Public Security Bureau cracked the case of Huang Kuiyuan, a speculator and swindler, who entered China's interior on a phony passport of a certain country and, within 6 months or so, had swindled people in 9 provinces and municipalities, and signed more than 40 "agreements" and "letters of intent" of one kind or another, involving U.S. \$7.55 billion and 1.63 billion yuan. The money Huang Kuiyuan and his confederates had already obtained through fraud amounted to more than 1 million yuan, of which some 200,000 yuan was in cash.

Huang Kuiyuan, also known as Huang Kuiren, is a native of Taibei, Taiwan. Stricken by poverty and difficulties in Hong Kong, he sneaked into the interior on 25 October 1984 by entering from Gongbei with a phony passport of a certain country, hoping to "do something to make a living." At that time, he had only HK \$900. After entering the interior, Huang lied that he had U.S. \$1.6 billion which could be used as capital, and that he himself was one of the five big shareholders of a company in a certain country, and concurrently chief representative of that company in the Far East. He then collaborated with lawless people to swindle others.

Last February, Huang Kuiyuan became acquainted with Li Chaoyun of the China National Food Science and Technology Development Corporation, and lied that he would like to "contribute gratuitously" U.S. \$10 million to help build a "food institute." Not knowing Huang Kuiyuan's background, this corporation treated him as a distinguished guest, paying his food and living expenses in Beijing and holding banquets for him. The money so spent amounted to some 27,000 yuan. In the name of "borrowing money," Huang Kuiyuan swindled some 12,000 yuan in cash from this corporation.

Around the time of the Spring Festival last year, Chen Jianping, a confederate of Huang Kuiyuan and a discharged worker of the Shanghai No 5 Iron and Steel Plant, and others "negotiated," in the name of that company of a certain country, with Ai Hongjie, director of Huajie Knitwear and Garment Factory in Qingpu County, Shanghai Municipality, for cooperation in reselling 23 cars. Actually owning nothing at all, Chen Jianping, again in the name of that company, arranged to "resell" these cars to Shouning Overseas Chinese Industrial Corporation in Fujian Province at a price of 40,000 yuan per car. Through negotiation, they decided that this corporation would pay a 10,000-yuan commission on each car. Accordingly, Shouning Overseas Chinese Industrial Corporation remitted 920,000 yuan to Huajie Knitwear and Garment Factory in Qingpu as payment for the sedans, and paid Chen Jianping and his confederates 230,000 yuan in cash in two installments as "commission."

Last March, Huang Kuiyuan used the pretext that the chairman of the board of directors of that certain foreign company was in urgent need of money abroad, and made a deal with the Beijing office of a unit in Hong Kong. The deal was for a certain Hong Kong company to remit HK \$70,000 and U.S. \$10,000 to someone on condition that a payment of several hundred thousand yuan be made domestically as a guarantee. Then, Huang let his confederate Chen Jianping use the name of that certain foreign company to "negotiate" with Gangxi Supply Station, in Jianhu County, Jiangsu, for a so-called transaction of 20 million metric tons of aluminum ingots. The latter was thus tricked into remitting 100,000 yuan to the Beijing office of the above-mentioned unit in Hong Kong, while actually Chen Jianping had no aluminum ingots at all.

The Shanghai Municipal Public Security Bureau arrested Huang Kuiyuan, Chen Jianping, Ai Hongjie, and the others according to law.

RENMIN RIBAO URGES CENTRAL CADRES TO SET EXAMPLE

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[Commentator's article: "The Whole National Turns Its Eyes to Beijing"]

[Text] At the beginning of the new year, the CPC Central Committee Secretariat held a cadre meeting of the central organs in Beijing, calling on all party members and cadres of the central party, government, and military organizations to set an example of lofty mental outlook and good work style for the whole nation. This was a mobilization order issued by the party Central Committee to bring about a fundamental improvement in party conduct. It is of great significance.

Beijing is always an example to be followed by the whole nation; so it is in improving party conduct. It is where the party Central Committee is located. The whole nation turns its eyes to Beijing as it does to the party Central Committee. Now, the party Central Committee once again has assigned the political task of setting an example to all party members and comrades of the central party, government, military, and mass organizations. This is very timely and necessary. There must be a leader in a host of dragons as sheep must have a shepherd. We must grasp the key link of our work as we must lead an ox by the nose. The central organs must play a pivotal role in our whole cause. The general mood of our country is determined by our party conduct, our party conduct is determined by the atmosphere of the leading organs, and the atmosphere of the leading organs is determined by the common practice of the central party, government, and military organs. A good atmosphere and the new look of the central party, government, and military organs will affect and bring along the whole party and nation. This provides us a guarantee for fundamentally improving general social conduct.

The question of further improving party conduct was specially raised at the National Conference of Party Delegates, held last September. In this connection, the party Central Committee has taken a series of measures. Of late, the General Offices of the party Central Committee and of the State Council issued a circular, calling for a solution to six serious problems. Recently the party Central Committee Secretariat also decided to concentrate its efforts on improving party conduct in the central party, government, and military organs and in Beijing municipal institutions as well. And at the meeting of the central organ cadres, the party Central Committee Secretariat explicitly urged them to set an example for the whole nation. Apart from the formulation of correct policies and principles, with firm determination the party Central Committee has also adopted the effective methods of stressing the central organs and starting with solving six serious problems. This raises hopes that there will be a fundamental improvement in party and social conduct, it also opens a bright future that we will be able to clean up all the filth and do away with all the old customs while building a socialist civilization that is advanced culturally and ideologically as well as materially.

In his important speech at the meeting of the central organ cadres, Comrade Hu Yaobang pointed out that, in checking unhealthy tendencies, it is necessary to have firm determination and perseverance. He called on the whole party to develop the spirit of the foolish old man who removed the mountains, saying that we will not stop until we reach our goal. All comrades, and particularly leading cadres working at the center should realize that the posts at which we stand are very glorious and the tasks ahead of us are very arduous.

All our deeds, no matter if they are good or bad, have a great influence upon others. We must, therefore, answer the party's call by action. We must first be strict with ourselves. We must make less idle talk and act more and carry out the drive in line with the actual conditions in our own units. We must really go into action in a down-to-earth manner in accordance with the requirements and arrangements set by the party Central Committee.

In the first 5 years of the 1980's, our country has achieved great success in creating a new situation and building socialism with Chinese characteristics. Comrades of the central party, government, and military organs have made their due contributions to it. Now, at the beginning of the second 5 years of the 1980's, the tasks ahead of us, including the task of fundamentally improving party conduct, are much more arduous and glorious. This requires us to set an example in earnest in all fields of work. Beijing, the whole nation, full of hope and confidence, is watching you.

XUE MUQIAO ON COMMODITY PRICES, LIVING STANDARDS

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[Article by Xue Muqiao: "On Changes in Commodity Prices and People's Living Standards" -- Capitalized passages published in boldface]

[Text] OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, COMMODITY PRICES HAVE GONE UP MARKEDLY. MANY URBAN RESIDENTS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS SITUATION. WILL PRICE HIKES AFFECT THE IMPROVEMENT IN PEOPLE'S LIVING STANDARDS?

Answer: Over the last few years, commodity prices in our country have indeed gone up markedly but there has been a marked improvement in the people's standard of living. Such being the case, why are some people still complaining about this situation? The reason lies in the fact that for quite some time, we have been saying that stabilizing prices is a basic principle of our party and a necessary guarantee for offering a stable life to the people. This notion has struck root in the hearts of the people so that any rise in the prices of some commodities could cause anxiety to the people who believe that any price boost will necessarily lower the people's living standards. Actually, this is not the fact.

In the final analysis, the improvement of the people's living standard is determined by the growth rate of production rather than by how well prices are stabilized. From 1952 to 1978, China continuously stressed price stability. Although the prices of agricultural products had been raised many times, the range of each price rise was limited and smaller than that of each increase in production costs (since agricultural production is handicapped by natural conditions, the more products that are turned out, the higher their costs could be but the case with processing industries is quite the reverse). Consequently, the peasants' enthusiasm for developing production was dampened and rapid production growth was arrested. This in turn not only caused a strain on grain supplies but also brought about an increasing strain on nonstaple food supplies. To cope with this situation, the methods of state monopoly, unified, and fixed purchases were introduced in regard to grain, pork, eggs, and nonstaple foods. As a result, the enthusiasm of the peasants for production was dampened. After fulfilling state purchasing quotas, both monopoly and fixed, the peasants had little farm produce to share and had to eat melons and vegetables as staple food and in the cities where a ration system was initiated, urban residents had very little to eat. The facts over the last 26 years have fully proved that maintaining price stability by using such methods as state monopoly, unified, and fixed purchases and a ration system is detrimental not only to the expansion of agricultural production but also to the improvement of the living standards of city dwellers.

Since the 3d Plenary Session of the 11th CPC Central Committee, in order to smooth out the major economic relations, to speed up the development of the national economy, particularly agricultural production, and to introduce gradual price readjustments, our party has increased the prices of agricultural products by a relatively big margin, thus boosting quite rapid increases in agricultural production.

After successive large readjustments were made in the prices of grain, cotton, and nonstaple foods in 1979 and 1980, production went up rapidly and the supply of pork and fresh eggs exceeded demand. Pork and fresh eggs are now available on the market without restrictions. With increased incomes and production, the peasants' standard of living has improved. With an ample supply of nonstaple foods, there has been a marked improvement in the living standard of city dwellers. Having greater amounts of such nonstaple foods as meat, fish, poultry, and eggs to eat, the people have begun demanding to eat better. Of course, since appropriate price subsidies are calculated with a view to maintaining the existing living standards, with people having more nonstaple foods and better meals to eat, their increased spending in this regard has exceeded the government-granted price subsidies. Hence, there is still some discontent among many people about price increases in nonstaple foods. It must be noticed that over the last few years, wages (including bonuses) have increased rapidly, far exceeding the growth rates of commodity prices. This is attributed to the fact that over the last few years, there has been a marked improvement in the people's living standards, the people eat better, and wear better clothing than in the past, and the number of high-grade consumer goods, such as color television sets, in their hands has rapidly increased.

Apparently, in the wake of price readjustments, the people's living standards have gone up. The following statistics are highly illustrative.

Over the last 6 years, from 1978 to 1984, the total retail price index has increased by 17.7 percent. The increase in food prices was most significant, up 26.4 percent (meaning only state-listed prices) and the purchasing prices of agricultural and sideline products rose by 53.6 percent, with the increased prices of this category of products surpassing their marketing prices. This was the result of the practice of increasing only the buying prices of grain and edible oils and not their selling prices and of the state purchasing them at prices higher than their selling prices and subsidizing the losses incurred in selling them.

In the last 6 years, the average consumption level of urban and rural population increased by 86.9 percent, or a gain of 57.7 percent after the effect of inflation was deducted. The average per-capita income of the peasants rose by 165 percent, or an increase of 144 percent after taking price increases into account, and that of the staff members and workers was up by 58.6 percent or a rise of 32.3 percent if the factor of price rises was taken into account. As far as the increased volume of products in kind consumed by urban and rural residents is concerned, in food, grain rose from 391 jin to 503 jin, up 28.6 percent; edible oils from 3.2 jin to 9.4 jin, up nearly 200 percent; and pork from 15.3 jin to 26 jin, up 70 percent (the volume of grain and edible oils, especially grain, consumed by the peasants was greater than that consumed by the staff members and workers). In clothing, cloth of various types rose from 24.1 chi to 32.5 chi, up 35 percent. In daily necessities, daily consumer goods rose from 28.8 yuan to 67 yuan, up 132.6 percent. More specifically, the number of bicycles owned by every 100 people increased 7.7 to 18.8, up 144 percent; that of television sets from 0.3 to 4.6, up some 150 percent; and that of radios from 7.8 to 21.6, up 177 percent. In the cities, almost every staff member or worker had a bicycle and the number of staff or worker families that had a television set constituted more than 90 percent of the total of such families. More and more people were buying color television sets in preference to black-and-white ones. Almost every household had one or two radios and many households had a radio-cassette recorder, refrigerator, and washing machine. Does this not prove that there has actually been an improvement in the people's living standards?

#### CAN PRICE RISES IN NONSTAPLE FOODS BE AVOIDED?

Answer: It is impossible. If their prices are not raised, there will not be such ample nonstaple food supplies as we have today.

SOME COMRADES ARE THINKING ABOUT THE PRICE LEVELS IN THE 1960'S AND OTHERS SAY THEY WOULD PREFER NO PRICE HIKES TO PAY RAISES. ARE THESE VIEWS CORRECT?

Answer: I have also received many letters of that kind, demanding that the price and wage levels of the 1960's be restored. Restoring the living standards of the 1960's will mean, as we see it, returning to the situation in which every person had two to eight liang of pork every month (there was one jin of pork for every person only in big cities like Beijing and Shanghai), live fish was virtually off the market, only a meager amount of salted haintail fish could be found on the market, and there were only a few varieties of dependable quality in vegetable supplies. Are the majority of the people willing to see such a situation again? One letter says: In the early 1960's, when you were director of the pricing committee, you could keep planned prices stable and unchanged and push down the prices in rural markets, so why are you now advocating discarding planned prices and replacing state-listed prices with market prices? The first 3 years of the 1960's following the "Great Leap Forward" were difficult years for the state when the price of pork in rural markets soared to 5 yuan a jin; that of grain to 1 yuan per jin; and an egg cost 0.5 yuan. After their prices settled down in 1965, they were still higher than state-listed prices but about the same as the current market prices. To keep prices stable, as that time the state had to limit every person to buying no more than 0.2 jin of pork a month and every urban resident could buy only 6 chi of cloth and every rural resident 3 chi a year. In those years, we also intended to raise the price of pork so that urban residents could have more pork to eat but when the peasants still had difficulties even with their own grain ration, where could they find fodder to raise pigs? Things have now changed. The peasants have surplus grain in their hands and the state is in a position to allocate tens of billions of jin of grain to encourage the peasants to raise pigs and chickens. To cope with price increases in nonstaple foods, the state has granted price subsidies to its residents at a rate commensurate with the previous consumption levels and on the whole they can offset the price rises in nonstaple foods. With improved living standards and a better supply of higher quality nonstaple foods, people will spend more money on them. However, the increase in their wages and bonuses is still greater than the extra money they spend on nonstaple foods. Therefore, with their spending increased, they still have surplus money to deposit in banks. In 1978, the savings deposits of urban and rural population totaled 30.9 billion yuan and, in 1981, it increased to 114.9 billion yuan, a gain of about 200 to 300 percent. It increased by 18.5 billion yuan in the past year alone. This indicates that the incomes of the people have indeed increased considerably.

In the past, many comrades considered the use of a ration system in stabilizing commodity prices the superiority of socialism and for this reason, they cherish the 1960's when the practice was applied. This is a misunderstanding. It was a method that had to be adopted in the situation that agricultural production expanded too slowly and it failed to meet the needs of the urban population. With the adoption of such a principle, the supply of nonstaple foods failed to increase rapidly and the people's living standard failed to be improved. If the interests of the consumers are to be taken care of exclusively to the neglect of those of the producers, production cannot develop, the needs of the consumers cannot be satisfied, and living standards will remain at existing levels for quite some time. This was always the situation from the early 1950's to the late 1970's. It was not until 1979, when policy changes were made, that the supply of commodities, particularly food, could be significantly boosted and the people's living standards improved remarkable. By comparison, which is actually better, the former case or the latter one? It is true that the prices of commodities (mainly nonstaple foods) have gone up but it is also true that the people's living standard has improved. This is the correct appraisal that really reflects the actual conditions. Many comrades who only seek an improved life and are resolutely opposed to any price readjustments and particularly opposed to any price rises in nonstaple foods fail to see that if the prices of nonstaple foods are not raised, there will be no production increases and improvement in the people's living standards (in terms of food). I hope this issue will be given wide publicity.

AS FAR AS THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING STANDARDS IS CONCERNED, SOME PEOPLE HAVE IMPROVED THEIR LIVING STANDARDS FASTER THAN OTHERS. HOW SHOULD WE APPROACH THIS PHENOMENON?

Answer: Generally speaking, the people's living standards are constantly improving. This has particularly been the case with living standards over the last few years. However, the improvement of living standards differs in scope. Some people will get a higher pay raise and others a lower one. The living standards of a small number of people will be likely to decline. Take retired staff members and workers for example. Price hikes could cause their living standards to decline as their retirement funds are not raised. Recently the state has paid attention to this problem. Consequently, subsidies have been given to the retired staff and workers. Generally speaking, those families, most of whose members have jobs to do and who support fewer people, can improve their standard of living a bit faster while standards for those families whose members have fewer jobs to do but who have to support more people will improve more slowly, since they have greater difficulties to contend with. Since the 3d Plenary Session of the 11th CPC Central Committee, above all else, the living standards of the peasants have improved. The problem of 800 million peasants having enough to eat and wear has been solved but at present there are a small number of peasants who still have problems with food or clothing. The people's living standards in 10 cities have also improved. Compared with the improved livelihood of the peasants, the improvement is less significant. However, in terms of the situation as a whole, the living standards of the urban population are higher than those of rural population. As far as the livelihood of urban population over the last few years is concerned, thanks to the quite large amounts of wages and bonuses handed out to 80 million staff and workers, living standards rose a little faster and the livelihood of office and school personnel who received little or no bonuses at all improved less significantly. With the introduction of wage readjustments in 1985, the wages of office and school personnel have been raised quite considerably and their standard of living is now basically the same as that of staff and workers in other trades and professions. By first solving the problem of having enough to eat and wear for 800 million peasants and then the problem of improving the livelihood of 80 million staff members and workers, it will be comparatively easy to improve the livelihood of remaining 20 million office cadres and teachers.

AS PRODUCTION EXPANDS, CAN COMMODITY PRICES COME DOWN?

Answer: As production expands, the production costs of some commodities may rise and those of others may fall. Therefore, commodity prices need constant readjustment. Generally speaking, commodity prices always fluctuate, but, taken as a whole, they are basically stable. With regard to some products that are handicapped by natural conditions, the more they are produced, the higher their costs will be. This is particularly the case with the production of meat, chicken, and fish. Therefore, it will not be enough to depend on household sideline production in ensuring meat, chicken, and fish supplies. In running chicken and pig farms, the larger the scope, the higher the costs. The costs of light industrial goods using agricultural products as raw materials will increase as the prices of the latter rise. With the increased cotton prices, the costs of various varieties of cotton cloth will rise correspondingly. The costs of chemical fibers using industrial chemicals as raw materials are continuously on the decline. The past practice of subsidizing the production of cotton cloth by using the money earned from chemical fiber cloth sales resulted in the supply of cotton falling short of demand and in overstocking of chemical fiber cloth. Readjustments were introduced in 1983. With cotton cloth being available on the market without restrictions, the sales volume of chemical fiber cloth has drastically increased. People can go ahead boldly with their production.

This case fully indicates that price readjustments can develop production and improve the people's livelihood as well. Taken as a whole, the price of cloth remains stable. The prices of goods using industrial products as raw materials keep on declining. All in all, food prices are on the rise but stable, and the prices of commodities sold as daily necessities are declining.

**WHAT IS YOUR APPRAISAL ON THE TREND OF CHANGES IN CHINA'S MARKET PRICES FOR 1986?**

Answer: As I see it, there will be a continued increase in the supply of nonstaple foods in 1986. According to calculations, their prices will not rise. The prices of other commodities will be stable since the supplies are ample. So long as allowances in kind, subsidies, and bonuses are not distributed indiscriminately, I reckon commodity prices will remain basically stable.

**WANG XINGJIA STRESSES COMMODITY PRICE INSPECTION**

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[By reporter Chen Yun]

[Excerpts] Beijing, 10 Jan (XINHUA) -- Wang Xingjia, deputy director of the State Administration of Commodity Prices, announced here today: This year commodity price inspection work must be further strengthened. The focal point is to guarantee the smooth progress of price reform by centering around the stabilization of market commodity prices and the control of the rise of prices of means of production.

He said: Stabilizing market commodity prices means stabilizing the prices of the people's daily necessities, including the prices of grain, edible oil, meat, poultry, eggs, vegetables, durable consumer goods, and other consumer goods for daily use. The commodity price inspection departments must inspect the production and administrative departments of these commodities. The stress of the inspection of prices of means of production will continue to be laid on the enterprises and management departments that produce raw and other materials. Rolled steel, pig iron, cement, coke, soda ash, nonferrous metals, other raw materials for industrial production and raw and other materials needed for production of consumer goods in the light industrial market must be inspected.

Wang Xingjia said: Last year the whole country's commodity prices were inspected on an unprecedentedly large scale and for an unprecedentedly long time. Both the extensiveness and depth of the inspection were unprecedented. According to incomplete statistics, as of the end of November, the amount of money involved in cases discovered to have violated the policy on commodity prices and related regulations exceeded 273 million yuan. This played a positive role in stopping raising prices at will and guaranteeing the smooth process of commodity price reform.

In conclusion, Wang Xingjia said: The party Central Committee and the State Council recently full affirmed the inspection of taxation, finance and commodity prices and called for inspecting them once a year for the next few years. Therefore, it is necessary to have adequate personnel to inspect commodity prices in all places and to assign capable cadres to leading posts of commodity price inspection centers at all levels so as to raise the authority of commodity inspection departments.

ZHAO WEICHEN STRESSES FIRST-QUARTER PRODUCTION

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[By RENMIN RIBAO reporter Zhang Guorong and XINHUA reporter Huang Fengchu]

[Text] Beijing, 10 Jan (XINHUA) -- At today's office work conference on industry and transport, Zhao Weichen, vice chairman of the State Economic Commission, said: All localities and departments should display a reformist and innovative spirit; concentrate on improving economic results; arrange and organize industrial production and transport services in a solid manner during the first quarter of this year; develop the present excellent economic situation characterized by a sustained, steady, and coordinated growth; and make a good start to fulfill the annual plan.

Zhao Weichen said: This year's industrial production should maintain a normal rate of increase. The annual plan calls for an 8-percent growth rate. Based on previous experience, production in the first quarter should develop as much as possible. We should strive for a 10-percent national growth rate while achieving better economic results, so as to basically equal the level of the fourth quarter of last year and fulfill 24 percent of the annual plan. This arrangement will meet the needs of the markets, exports, and financial revenues. It will also enable us to have control over this year's work, and will facilitate reforms in general. Of course, the localities should figure out their own growth rates by taking their actual conditions into consideration. No uniform rates should be set for all localities.

Zhao Weichen stressed that in organizing production, the emphasis should be on improving the economic results. He said: During the first quarter of this year, all localities and departments should vigorously improve the economic results in industrial production. In making plans for their work, they should be concerned chiefly with invigorating and reinforcing the management of large enterprises, specifically requiring them to improve product quality, lower consumption and cost, accelerate capital turnover, switch deficit to profit, increase revenues, and reduce spending.

Zhao Weichen noted: In order to maintain a brisk market, all localities and departments should vigorously develop the production of consumer goods. Greater efforts should be made to increase the output of brand-name, quality, and durable consumer goods in particular. They should guarantee the quality of products, make more varieties and specifications available, lower material and energy consumption, and improve the economic results so as to meet the consumers new requirements.

Zhao Weichen stressed the necessity for all to do a good job of promoting exports to earn foreign exchange. He said: While arranging for the production and sales to export products during the first quarter, leadership at all levels in all localities should better understand the importance of foreign trade and export, reinforce the idea of earning more foreign exchange, treat this work as a vital matter, and do it successfully. He urged all localities and departments to earnestly improve the quality and offer more varieties of export products, increase the ability to earn foreign exchange, and ensure the availability of goods for exports. When contradictions develop between domestic sales and export, the former should yield to the latter. Exports should enjoy priority. Preferential treatment in terms of materials, fuel, power, and transport should be given to the production of export products, and joint industrial-trade operations should be encouraged. All of us should strive to ensure the fulfillment of one-fourth of the annual export plan during the first quarter.

Zhao Weichen urged all localities and departments to focus their attention on power supplies while organizing and arranging for production during the first quarter and to make proper arrangements for producing and conserving energy and for the raw and semifinished materials industry and the machine processing industry. We should further foster the idea of serving production and do a good job of transportation and communications to ensure security and civilized production.

NATIONAL EFFORT TO INCREASE ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY

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[Text] Beijing, January 11 (XINHUA) -- China is determined to solve two key problems -- low economic efficiency of enterprises and inadequate earnings of foreign exchange from exports -- during the Seventh Five-Year Plan period (1986-1990), minister in charge of the State Economic Commission Lu Dong said today.

Economic efficiency consists of using minimum amounts of labor, raw materials and energy to produce as much quality goods as possible to meet the needs of society, Lu told a national conference on economic work which opened here today.

The leading economic official said enterprises should become more independent from the state in management and responsible for their own profits and losses, he said.

Lu said the general low efficiency of China's enterprises showed they were not being managed well.

For instance, Lu said, only 30 percent of the country's major machinery and electrical goods have reached world standards of the 1970s or early 1980s -- and this has lowered potential export income.

Crucial to the improvement of economic efficiency upgrading of outdated equipment and use of new technology, he said.

Also important, according to Lu, is high efficiency management as well as linking the economic performance of enterprises with benefits to workers to increase enthusiasm and creativity.

At the same time, the minister said, by 1990 all factory managers -- most of them elected by workers -- should have full control of their enterprises, and all but small enterprises should establish commissions to advise managers on key issues.

Lu asked enterprises to perfect their systems for holding people accountable for their work and to increase the technical training of workers.

JINGJI RIBAO ON DEVELOPING EXPORT PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

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[Editorial: "Set Up an Export Production System To Boost Our Ability To Earn Foreign Exchange Through Exportation"]

[Text] A leading comrade of the State Council recently pointed out: The key to developing foreign trade is to increase the industrial and agricultural production capacity in our country and to increase exportation. It is necessary to firmly grasp the setting up of an industrial and agricultural export production system that has an independent structure that differs from the existing domestic structure.

This is the only way to boost the production of export commodities in line with the production level of our country. This is also a strategic measure to fundamentally increase the economic results of our export trade and to boost our ability to earn foreign exchange through exportation.

The setting up of an export production system is a demand of the new situation. What is the new situation? It is the situation of our country's opening to the outside world and of various localities opening to one another, the situation of the rapid development of the domestic productive forces, and the situation of the on-going comprehensive reform of the economic structure. It is precisely because of this good opportunity that we can consider the use of various forms for setting up an export production system and use this system to explore new ways of reforming the foreign trade structure of our country. Therefore, in implementing this strategic measure, we must do away with outdated regulations and restrictions, proceed from the basic idea of increasing export capacity, closely integrate the setting up of an export production system with the reform of the foreign trade structure of our country, and closely integrate the development of industrial and agricultural departments with technical transformation. This will help us to find a solution to the long-standing problems of the divorce of industry from commerce, having too many departments handling foreign trade, and competing among ourselves, and to establish an appropriate foreign trade structure in our country.

Setting up an export structure that is different from the existing domestic structure chiefly means to build, step by step and in a planned way, a number of bases for the production of agricultural and sideline products for export and to build a number of factories and mines specifically for the production of export products. At the same time, it is also necessary to build and perfect corresponding facilities for exportation so that these bases, factories, and mines can become the mainstays in exporting goods to earn foreign exchange in our country. These bases and special factories will no longer undertake domestic production tasks, but will concentrate their efforts on export production. Their economic benefits are directly linked to the foreign exchange earned through exportation. New methods different from those for enterprises producing goods for the domestic market should be adopted for enterprises undertaking export tasks in economic accounting targets, the price system, tax policies, retention of foreign exchange for their own use, and in awards. In short, it is necessary to ensure political and economic benefits for enterprises producing export commodities in order to arouse their enthusiasm in earning foreign exchange through exportation.

In building export bases, special factories, and special mines, we must adhere to the principle of choosing those with most favorable conditions, have a rational layout, openly invite tenders for selection, make assessments once every few years, and discard the "life-long tenure system." In this way we can ensure that the enterprises producing export commodities will always be the best in our country. Regarding the layout of the export production system, we must consider giving full play to the role of coastal special economic zones, open cities, and open areas; strengthening lateral economic ties such as technical cooperation, joint operations, and joint ventures between the coastal regions and the hinterland; boost the economy of the hinterland; and developing more major export commodities.

It can be expected that with the establishment and perfection of the export production system, the capacity of our country's export commodities to earn foreign exchange will increase markedly, the economic results of export trade will further increase, and a new situation in our country's foreign trade will appear in the later period of the Seventh 5-Year Plan.

HUBEI YOUTH JOURNAL COVERS ECONOMIC REFORMS

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[Text] Wuhan, January 10 (XINHUA) -- The bi-monthly YOUTH FORUM, published in this Hubei provincial capital, is becoming increasingly influential among Chinese young people for its coverage of the country's economic reforms.

YOUTH FORUM, the first theoretical journal in China catering to youth, has a circulation of 30,000, editor-in-chief Li Minghua told XINHUA here.

"Our journal began publication in November 1984 and its editing guideline is to air the views of youth on reform and discuss problems arising in the course of the reform," he said.

Most contributors are people in their 20s and 30s, including college students, post-graduates, teachers and government officials.

"We've selected 160 articles from thousands of contributions and carried them in seven issues so far," said Li, a 1982 graduate of the philosophy department of Wuhan University.

"The contributions indicate that the youth are paying great attention to democracy, freedom, China's open policy and the socialist commodity economy," he said.

The journal's first issue carried an article titled, "Salute to Freedom", by Hu Deping, a member of the liaison group in Hubei Province of the Central Party Consolidation Guidance Commission.

Hu said, "I hope that the word 'freedom' will not become a taboo politically." He is of the opinion that paying attention to freedom means paying attention to progress in the social productive forces.

The editor-in-chief explained that freedom was criticized as relating to the bourgeoisie in China for a long time. The article was therefore reprinted by the PEOPLE'S DAILY, and other newspapers and magazines.

The first issue also carried an article-- "Modernization of People"-- by Xu Sumin, 32, a worker at the philosophy institute of the Wuhan-based Huazhong (central China) Engineering College.

Xu stressed that China's modernization program should also include modernization of people, namely, modernization of the mode of thinking, behavior and feelings.

"Young people hope that their views will help the authorities make policies," Li Minghua said.

For example, there are different views on whether a special currency should be issued in China's four economic zones, where flexible policies are being pursued to attract foreign investment.

Ding Ningning, in his 30s, a worker at the State Council Economic and Technological Research Center, suggested postponing the issuance of the currency, in an article also carried in the journal's first issue.

A group of students from Wuhan University said in an article in the journal's sixth issue: "As reform serves as the internal momentum for China's socialist modernization, it will irreversibly spur the country's social progress."

Economist Yu Guangyuan, who is an adviser to the China Academy of Social Sciences, said that the questions raised in YOUTH FORUM impel him to read more books and consider things he had never thought of before.

According to the magazine's regulations, its editor-in-chief, elected from among the editors, should be no more than 40 years of age.

YOUTH FORUM is published by 11 workers at the Hubei Provincial Academy of Social Sciences. Most of them graduated from colleges between 1982 and 1984, and their average age is 27.

Its editor-in-chief, no more than 40 years of age, was elected from among the editors according to the magazine's regulations.

Each of the editors is required to read at least one new book a month and share what he has learned with others every five days.

They study works by Marx, Lenin and Mao Zedong, books on world history, economy and contemporary philosophy, as well as works on the world technological revolution published in the West.

#### CHINA ZHI GONG DANG HOLDS NATIONAL WORK CONFERENCE

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[Report: "The China Zhi Gong Dang Central Committee Holds National Work Conference"]

[Text] The China Zhi Gong Dang Central Committee held a national work conference in Beijing from 5 to 10 January. Attending it were members of the Central Committee Standing Committee and principal responsible persons of its branches at the provincial and city levels. Chairman Huang Dingchen presided over the meeting. Yan Minfu, head of the United Front Work Department under the CPC Central Committee, and deputy head Li Ding spoke at the meeting.

The meeting held: It is imperative to promote new cadres to the leading bodies of the party's Central Committee and branches. Efforts must be made to look for qualified persons in this field. The succession of new cadres to old should be completed before June and there must be an orderly system of succession for cadres. This is an urgent need for democratic parties in promoting long-term existence and mutual cooperation with the CPC. It is also a pressing necessity in coping with the growing development of the situation. We must, therefore, waste no time in doing a good job of it. The meeting urged the party's branches at all levels to consolidate their organizations, to carry forward the fine tradition of self-education of democratic parties, to resist and oppose all erroneous ideas and unsound practices violating the four cardinal principles, to further improve their leading bodies and working groups, to build a strong backbone of their own members, and to properly arrange the regular activities of the party's branches.

China Zhi Gong Dang has well-established relations with Overseas Chinese and compatriots in Hong Kong and Macao. Under the present excellent situation in reforms and economic construction, the meeting called for establishing wide connections with Overseas Chinese and compatriots in Hong Kong and Macao so as to arouse their enthusiasm in supporting the modernization program and making greater contributions to the accomplishment of our great cause of reunification of China.

WAN LI ASSESSES KEY TO RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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[Text] Beijing, January 16 (XINHUA) -- Vice-Premier Wan Li said today that the key to further rural economic development was to provide farmers with more technical know-how and new technology.

Addressing the closing ceremony of a national science meeting which opened here on Sunday, Wan said that by 1990, China hoped to increase its annual grain production to 450 million tons.

This was an arduous task, and to accomplish it, scientific methods would be needed to increase grain yield per hectare.

Wan called on science departments to provide technical help for the development of animal husbandry, aquatic produce and forestry.

He also urged scientists to serve rural enterprises, which now employed more than 62 million people, and which produced output worth 230 billion yuan a year, accounting for nearly half all rural output value.

More skilled and specialized people were needed to push ahead with rural economic restructuring, especially the development of commodity production.

Wan said he hoped that scientific and educational institutes throughout China would work together to provide 100 million young peasants with a middle school education to enable them to contribute more effectively to rural prosperity.

PENG ZHEN SPEAKS DURING ANHUI INSPECTION TOUR

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[Report by reporter Qian Lin]

[Text] Braving snow and severe cold, Peng Zhen, member of the CPC Central Committee Political Bureau and chairman of the NPC Standing Committee, made an inspection tour of our province from 20 to 22 December. Comrade Peng Zhen last visited Anhui 25 years ago, and has often thought of the province since then. He visited the Anhui people with deep feelings for them. He encouraged them to persistently carry out reform, improve the party's work style, carry forward the glorious revolutionary traditions, and work together for a splendid future while undertaking the four modernizations.

Comrade Peng Zhen last made an inspection tour of Anhui in 1960. The current inspection tour was his second. Accompanying him were Wang Houde, deputy secretary general of the NPC Standing Committee; Xu Kongrang, deputy secretary general of the Political and Legal Commission of the CPC Central Committee; and other comrades. He wanted to see the changes that had taken place in Anhui over the past years. He said: Anhui is an old revolutionary base area. The party and the people here have a fine revolutionary tradition and rich experience in struggle. Since Anhui is also rich in natural resources, it has a foundation for socialist modernization. Comrade Peng Zhen was particularly gladdened by the new phenomena in Anhui, especially the province's new economic development since the 3rd Plenary Session of the 11th CPC Central Committee. He told Huang Huang, secretary of the provincial party committee: I have not visited Anhui for years. Seeing is believing. Anhui has indeed developed rapidly and changed greatly over the past several years.

During his 3-day inspection tour of Anhui, Comrade Peng Zhen's schedule was very tight. Accompanied by Comrades Huang Huang, Wang Yuzhao, Shi Junjie, Yuan Zhen, and Wang Guangyu, he called on personnel of the provincial party committee and the provincial People's Congress Standing Committee and heard briefings on the work of these committees. He met with leading cadres of the provincial party committee, the provincial Advisory Commission, the provincial People's Congress, the provincial CPPCC Committee, the provincial Discipline Inspection Commission, the provincial Military District, and military academies and schools, as well as with old provincial-level comrades staying at the second or third line, and principal responsible persons of provincial-level departments and bureaus. He also heard briefings by the secretaries of the Fengyang, Jinzhai, Wuwei, and Guoyang County CPC Committees on their work. Full of zest, he also visited the Hefei bicycle factory and the Hefei rubber plant and toured Hefei City. In addition, he called on workers engaged in production and conveyed to them his best regards. Hale and hearty despite his advanced age of 83, Comrade Peng Zhen talked cheerfully and humorously. Although it was the middle of winter, he wore only a dark gray Chinese-style tunic suit, without an overcoat. While making a serious study and investigation of work in Anhui, he discussed questions with people, such as questions regarding the carrying out of reform, the strengthening of people's congress work at various levels, and the study of Marxism-Leninism.

Comrade Peng Zhen said: The situation in Anhui and other parts of the country shows that the political and economic situation in our country is generally good, and so is the trend of its development. He stressed: We must achieve ideological unity in order to invigorate the economy and open the country to the outside world. We must unify the thinking of all party members on the basis of the party Constitution and the thinking of all people on the basis of the state Constitution. Generally speaking, we must coordinate our actions in accordance with the party's line and its general principles and policies. Only thus can we develop the four socialist modernizations smoothly and relatively fast. Comrade Peng Zhen pointed out: The reforms we are carrying out reflect the self-improvement of the socialist system. It means that we must do things according to the situation in our country and our specific conditions, so that all our work will be done more practically and effectively if the reforms are carried out. Some people worry that policies will change. The party's general principles and policies will not change, nor will the policies of opening to the outside world and invigorating the domestic economy, and nor will the principle of delegating managerial powers to lower levels. Comrade Peng Zhen also said: The agricultural output-related system of contracted responsibilities has not only proved effective in practice, it is also based on Marxism-Leninism in theory. Our country practices three systems of ownership -- ownership by the whole people, collective ownership, and individual ownership -- and implements various socialist responsibility systems, all of which are written into the Constitution. In instituting a responsibility system, we must clearly define our responsibilities. Marxism interprets socialism as "from each according to his ability, to each according to his work." This of course calls for instituting a responsibility system in both theory and practice. As to which system of ownership -- ownership by the whole people, collective ownership, or individual ownership -- is to be implemented in each case, it depends mainly on which system of ownership is conducive to the development of the productive forces. In so doing, we should act according to local conditions and in a manner suited to the times. For instance, collective efforts are needed to build roads and water conservation projects, but individual care is needed in field management. A peasant takes care of his crops just as a mother does her children. What we did in the past was against the laws of nature and economics; consequently, we suffered great losses. Without the masses' voluntary participation, reform will be out of the question. Nothing that is proved correct in practice and is beneficial to the people will change.

In dealing with reform of the economic structure, Comrade Peng Zhen particularly discussed the question of delegating powers to lower levels. He said: Some of the powers of the central authorities should be delegated to the provinces. Take Anhui for example, the province has a vast area and a population of more than 50 million, and its conditions are complicated. In addition, economic and cultural developments in various parts of the province are unbalanced. Should the central authorities exercise excessive control, it would not be conducive to bringing the initiative of the local authorities into full play. In that case, what should be developed cannot be developed. Therefore, the central authorities should appropriately delegate some of their powers to the provincial authorities, who, in turn, should delegate some of their powers to the city and county authorities. As to what powers should be delegated to lower levels and how it should be done, this should be discussed. If this work is done conscientiously and effectively, our economy will develop in a more healthy way and with fewer difficulties. Comrade Peng Zhen said: Delegating powers to lower levels also includes delegating powers to enterprises. It is necessary to give greater decision-making powers to enterprises in order to enable them to display more vitality.

On the development of Anhui's economy, Comrade Peng Zhen pointed out: Our country is now implementing the policy of opening to the outside world, but there are not sufficient exchanges among various provinces and municipalities. Anhui is near Shanghai, and it should make use of this favorable condition. Anhui and Shanghai should learn from each other's strong points to offset their weaknesses and help meet each other's needs. They should absorb technology, equipment, and experience from each other and invite a number of each other's skilled veteran workers to work in their areas in order to do a good job in regional economic and technical cooperation. It is necessary to introduce advanced technology from abroad, and it is all the more necessary to introduce advanced technology from nearby provinces and municipalities. This will make it possible for us to bring about a steady and coordinated development of our economy.

On the work of people's congresses, Comrade Peng Zhen said: The NPC and the provincial and county people's congresses have been strengthened since the 3d Plenary Session of the 11th CPC Central Committee. They all need to gain experience little by little. He greatly appreciated the provincial People's Congress' understanding that the provincial party committee's central task is also its own central task. The provincial party committee, provincial Advisory Commission, provincial People's Congress, provincial people's government, provincial CPPCC Committee, and provincial Discipline Inspection Commission, when put together, form a big collective, like a set of equipment or a harmonious band. Under the leadership of the party, they cooperate with one another and, although using different methods, do their work for one ideal, the ideal of communism, and for one objective and task, socialist modernization. Comrade Peng Zhen said: When veteran comrades join people's congresses, they should change their working methods. They should no longer write slips of paper of instructions, issue orders, or do strenuous administrative work; they should mainly make systematic study and investigation of problems and consider these problems objectively, comprehensively, and thoroughly in order to better implement the party's relevant decisions.

Referring to legislation and law enforcement, Comrade Peng Zhen said: After learning the lessons paid for with blood during the "Cultural Revolution," we have been determined to strengthen socialist democracy and the socialist legal system. The 3d Plenary Session of the 11th CPC Central Committee was of epoch-making significance in strengthening the legal system. Even before that session, Comrade Deng Xiaoping said: Socialist democracy must be institutionalized and written into law, so as to make sure that institutions and laws do not change whenever the leadership changes or whenever the leaders change their views or shift the focus of their attention.

All this ensures that there will be laws to go by, that they will be observed and strictly enforced, and that violators will be made to account. The party Constitution adopted at the 12th CPC National Congress stipulates explicitly that the party must conduct its activities within the limits permitted by the Constitution and laws of the state. The party Constitution also provides that all party members are equal before party discipline. This provides the political and ideological foundation for our country's legal system.

On studying Marxism-Leninism, strengthening party building, and correcting unhealthy tendencies, Comrade Peng Zhen said: Stress should be placed on rectifying the party's work style. He said: If we are successful in carrying out party rectification, party members will play a leading and exemplary role in various fields. Then, it will be easier to solve other problems. To do a good job in party rectification and party building, we must first achieve ideological unity throughout the party and raise the ideological and political qualities of all party members. At the National Conference of Party Delegates, Comrade Deng Xiaoping called for studying the basic theory of Marxism-Leninism. This reflects an extremely important view. Our ideological weapon to undertake socialist modernization is still Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought. Dialectical and historical materialism represents our basic stand, viewpoint, and method. All party comrades especially leading party cadres at various levels, should take the lead in studying Marxism-Leninism and the party Constitution and in building socialism. After reviewing the party's fine tradition and work style during the Red Army period, Comrade Peng Zhen pointed out: We now have correct policies. Our party now needs some cadres who are devoted to the communist cause and serve the people wholeheartedly. If these cadres arouse the masses with their deeds, it will not be difficult to solve problems. Only thus can we do a good job in party building. While holding discussions with county party committee secretaries, Comrade Peng Zhen said: In party building, cities and counties play a very important role because they are key units in implementing the central authorities' principles and policies, in keeping abreast of the conditions at lower levels, in forging close ties with the masses, and in directing the work at lower levels. Meanwhile, cities and counties do the basic work for the party. If the work at the city or county level is done effectively, our overall work will improve considerably. Comrade Peng Zhen called on party cadres at various levels, including young and old cadres as well as those assigned to posts and those retired, to study conscientiously Marxist-Leninist theory, to inherit and carry forward the party's fine tradition, and to further bring a turn for the better in the party's work style. He said: The Anhui Provincial CPC Committee has grasped a key question by paying special attention to raising the party members' political consciousness and enhancing their party spirit while strengthening party building. Anhui's work is full of promise if you step up the work of party building and give full play to the party as the core of leadership in all fields. He said that he expects to see another new situation in Anhui when he revisits the province in the future.

#### MINISTERS HE KANG ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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[Article by He Kang, minister of agriculture, animal husbandry, and fishery: "Persist in Deepening Reforms and Promoting the Stable and Coordinated Development of Agriculture"]

[Text] In 1985, China abolished the system of centralized procurement in the rural areas, relaxed the prices of agricultural products, and brought rural reform to the second step. The rural production structure is changing toward rationalization. The commodity economy is full of vigor and its trend of development is good. The rapid growth of the rural economy is indicative of the great achievement in rural reform and helps strengthen our determination to persist in rural reform.

The first year of the Seventh 5-Year Plan begins in 1986. To profoundly carry out the second step of rural reform, it is necessary to readjust the rural production structure and to promote the stable and coordinated development of agriculture.

Ensuring a stable increase in grain production is a prerequisite for readjusting the rural production structure and developing a diversified economy. Developing a diversified economy will, in return, create conditions for the stable increase in grain production. For example, in the 6 years from 1979 to 1984, the grain area was reduced by 115 million mu to provide conditions for growing industrial crops. Due to the increase in per unit yield, the total grain output rose by 200 billion jin, bringing about a new situation of simultaneous increases in grain and industrial crops. The development of township enterprises has provided funds for agricultural construction, apart from blazing a trail for the transfer of agricultural laborers. Facts have proved that various trades in the rural areas mutually promote each other when there is good coordination. It is inevitable for some problems to arise in the course of readjustment. To solve these problems, it is necessary to persist in rural reform and rational readjustment. In the readjustment of the production structure, it is first necessary to stabilize grain production. China's gross grain output is expected to reach 900 billion jin by 1990, with per capita consumption of 800 jin of grain, basically maintaining the balance between grain supply and demand. It is not easy to realize this target. Therefore, we must work out a series of measures with regard to the purchase and marketing of grain, the application of science and technology, and the injection of materials. Various localities should continue to persist in the methods of "using industry to make up for agriculture" and "using industry to build agriculture." They should also do a good job in fostering and supplying fine varieties of crops, popularizing high yield technology, giving specialized training, raising per unit yields, improving the quality of products, and increasing the peasants' income. They should develop animal husbandry in grain producing areas, engage in the aquatic industry wherever possible, encourage the combination of agriculture with animal husbandry and agriculture with fishery, convert surplus grain and crop residues into meat, milk, leather, and fur, and simultaneously develop the food processing industry as well as the fur processing industry. The way to prosperity that the Chinese peasants should take is to combine crop plantings, breeding trade, and the processing industry. Following the transfer of rural laborers to nonagricultural undertakings, such as township enterprises and small town construction, it is necessary to concentrate farmland in the hands of skilled farmers, to improve the level of agricultural mechanization, and to bring into play the role of the planting industry. With regard to acreage under grain, the principle of "large-scale stabilization and small readjustment" should be applied. Grain producing areas and commodity grain areas should first do a good job in grain production and then readjust their acreage for growing grain according to per unit yields and the possibility of transferring grain from other areas.

We should develop industrial crops in a planned way on the basis of ensuring a steady increase in grain production. Industrial crops should be developed in line with the supply and demand of the market; they should not be developed blindly. We should make full use of investigation results of agricultural resources and do a good job in information, processing, transportation, and marketing work as well as in giving macroguidance.

Emphasis should be laid on the development of animal husbandry and marine production in the course of agricultural structural readjustment. Ninety percent of the meat and vegetables throughout the country are from the country's agricultural areas. Agricultural areas are rich in grain, crop residue, and fodder, but these have not been fully utilized. These areas have great potential in developing animal husbandry and should therefore pay serious attention to conversion work.

It is necessary to strengthen construction in pastoral areas and grasslands, improve living conditions there, and gradually solve the problem of "having enough to eat in summer, being fat in autumn, becoming thin in winter, and dying in spring" in animal husbandry. Regions possessing the necessary conditions should enable their "pastoral areas to become prosperous, agricultural areas to thrive, and townships to carry out marketing." Developing the breeding industry by combining fishery, agricultural, and animal husbandry will be beneficial not only to alleviating the shortage of fish supplies, but also to forming a virtuous cycle. It is an important method for enlivening the rural economy and making the peasants better off. In developing marine production, ponds, low-lying areas, and alkaline shoals should be fully used. Care should be taken to prevent farmland from being changed into ponds. Attention should be paid to achieving actual results through rational planning.

It is important to develop township enterprises in the course of readjusting the industrial structure. New townships in the rural areas have emerged following the development of township enterprises. In line with the principle of "active support, rational planning, correct guidance, and good management," township enterprises should base themselves on agriculture, serve agriculture, and put the emphasis on providing service for agriculture, animal husbandry, and fishery. Economically developed areas should engage in the processing industry so as to serve the urban industry and export trade. In our future development, we should, with the support of the state, rely on collective accumulation and accumulation by the peasants, taking account of materials, energy, communications, and other social factors. We should make efforts to strengthen consolidation and management work in enterprises, to improve the quality of products, and to achieve better economic results. We should take effective measures to solve the problems concerning safety in production, environmental pollution, and excessive occupation of farmland.

Good conditions for production in the rural areas are an important material base for developing the rural economy. Leading comrades of the CPC Central Committee are quite concerned about this. It is necessary to strengthen the construction of water conservancy projects, to improve middle- and low-yielding fields, and to enhance land productivity; to strengthen construction in pastoral areas and grasslands; to strengthen aquatic production in rivers, lakes, and sea and to develop the construction of basic facilities for ocean fishing; to strengthen the construction of basic facilities for agricultural production, to form a fine variety breeding system for agriculture, animal husbandry, and fishery, a popularization system for production and technology, and a system of operation, management, and service; and to develop the construction of basic facilities for processing, preservation, packing, transportation, marketing, information, and quality control.

The development of agriculture relies on the implementation of policies and the application of science. Over the past few years, agricultural policies have produced a strong impact on agriculture, and science is playing an increasingly important role. This calls for introducing more cooperative service. We should do a good job in agricultural scientific research and technology popularization work in order to increase agricultural products and improve their quality. Agricultural scientific research should be carried out in line with the market demand for agricultural products and for the purpose of providing fine varieties of crops and high-yield technology for the peasants. In addition, the work of tackling key technological problems should be focused on the state's major production projects and the construction of commodity bases. As the crux of converting science into a productive force lies in technological popularization work, from now on various counties are required to gradually create conditions for shifting to the comprehensive popularization of technology in agriculture, animal husbandry, and fishery.

They should also build technology popularization groups at the township and village levels, combine service with operation, develop compensatory service, form economic bodies, and increase their own vitality. It is necessary to strengthen rural intellectual exploitation and improve the peasants' quality. In this respect, the key point is to run well agricultural professional and technical schools.

To gradually build and perfect a new commodity circulation system and form a socialist market with strong self-regulating ability, it is necessary to explore and establish a new circulating form, apart from bringing into play the role of commercial, supply and marketing, and foreign trade departments. On the one hand, agricultural, animal husbandry, and fishery departments should carry out their own reforms well, participate in circulation, run companies of agriculture, industry, and commerce, of animal husbandry, industry, and commerce, and of fishery, industry, and commerce, form a chain of production, supply, and marketing, and establish economic service organizations, which integrate trade, industry, and agriculture. On the other hand, it is necessary to energetically open up various nongovernmental circulation channels. Viewed from the experiences of various localities, some new circulation forms are worth emulating. The first form is setting up specialized production associations. In other words, production, processing, transportation, and marketing are linked together. Capable persons in the trade concerned take charge. The whole process of commodity production and circulation is discussed for the purpose of maintaining the normal production, supply, and marketing of commodities. The second form is building a specialized market where the production and marketing of a large quantity of specialized commodities can be directly linked and through which commodity exchange can be carried out with other areas. The commodity economy will develop toward specialization and socialization. The third form is training purchase and marketing personnel among the peasants and carrying out long distance trade. The personnel will travel to all parts of the country, selling products, buying raw materials, and providing information. This is an indispensable factor for enlivening the rural economy. In addition to the original circulation forms, these new circulation forms will greatly promote the development of the rural economy.

The export of agricultural and sideline products occupies an important position in the country's foreign trade. Of the country's total commodity export of \$24.4 billion in 1984, the export of agricultural and sideline products was \$4.1 billion and the foreign exchange income of township enterprises was \$3 billion. Township enterprises have great potential in exporting their traditional handicrafts and small commodities. Developing agricultural exports will enable us to make important contributions to earning foreign exchange for the state. It will also help improve the quality of agricultural products and bring about the modernization of agriculture. To further tap our potential in increasing foreign exchange earnings through exports, we should first improve the quality of products and our competitiveness in exports. We should build a number of agricultural, animal husbandry, and fishery production bases that cater to the needs of exports. In the meantime, we should also introduce foreign capital, technology, and equipment in order to speed up the production of agricultural products that will help increase foreign exchange earnings.

In the first year of the Seventh 5-Year Plan, we should be full of confidence, take the overall situation into account, work in a down-to-earth manner, pay attention to actual results, and maintain and develop the good development trend in the rural economy.

JINGJI RIBAO ON FULFILLING GRAIN PURCHASE PLAN

HK140349 Beijing JINGJI RIBAO in Chinese 10 Jan 86 p 2

[Commentator's article: "Insist on Contract Purchases and Strive To Fulfill the Grain Purchase Plans"]

[Text] At present, the grain purchase work has entered its late stage, but grain purchase targets in some localities have not been fulfilled yet. All localities should continue to push this work and should intensify inspection and supervision over this work in order to fulfill the state's grain purchase plan. This important matter has a bearing on the maintenance of the grain contract purchase system and of the policies on pursuing this system. This work is of great significance in promoting the development of industrial and agricultural production and further advancing our economic prosperity.

In 1985, we replaced the grain monopoly purchase system with the contract purchase system. In the spring of 1985, the departments concerned in various localities sent large numbers of functionaries to rural villages to give publicity to the new policy and sign grain purchase contracts with peasant households. This thus organically integrated the state's grain purchase plan with the household contract system in rural production and started the functioning of the grain contract purchase system. Like other reform measures, it takes time for the grain contract purchase system to develop into a sound economic contract system. In the process of implementation, this system needs to be continuously improved and many links have to be changed in order to adapt them to the new system.

Purchasing grain from peasants and putting grain in state depots is a key step in fulfilling the grain purchase contracts. We should notice that there is a material foundation for fulfilling the 1985 grain purchase target. Because some areas suffered from major natural disasters and some localities experienced a reduction in grain output from the previous year as they readjusted the grain growing areas, some difficulties do exist for fulfilling the grain purchase contracts. But we must point out that the 1985 total grain output still approached the level of 1983 and exceeded the 1982 figure; the total product of society in the countryside and the total income of peasants continued to increase in the past year. All this certainly left room for fulfilling the grain purchase plan. As long as we appropriately coordinate the purchases in areas that reaped a good harvest and in areas which suffered crop failures, we can still fulfill the grain purchase plan as a whole.

All localities should carry out all-round inspection of the performance of grain purchase contracts in the course of purchasing grain and putting grain in state depots. In localities where natural conditions are normal and people can fulfill the purchase contracts, the authorities concerned must work actively to fulfill the purchase targets. The grain department should purchase grain from peasants strictly according to the specifications, quantities, and prices specified by the contracts. Localities that reaped good harvests should be ready to purchase surplus grain that peasants sell after fulfilling their contracts. Localities that suffered crop failures can appropriately reduce their purchase targets and adopt a realistic attitude to help peasants wade through difficulties. The authorities there must not force peasants to sell grain beyond their capacity. After fulfilling their contracts, peasants should be allowed to sell surplus grain to free markets. Free transactions of grain should be determined by market forces. The work concerning grain is a complicated part of economic work. It must strictly follow policies and require careful efforts all localities should strengthen leadership over this work, give wide publicity to state policies, seriously sum up experience in pursuing the grain contract purchase system, gradually improve this system in a realistic manner, and prepare for the signing of grain purchase contracts in 1986.

FUJIAN'S HU PING ATTENDS ECONOMIC MEETING

OW151346 Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese 30 Dec 85 p 1

[Excerpts] The first Fujian provincial meeting on negotiating economic and technological development of mountain regions was held in Fuzhou from 19 to 23 December. Some 170 agreements and letters of intent and 15 formal contracts were signed at the meeting.

The meeting was sponsored by the provincial economic commission, provincial association of science and technology, and provincial economic and technological cooperation office, and the Fuzhou City Association of Science and Technology. Leading comrades of the provincial government Hu Ping, You Dexing, and Chen Mingyi attended and addressed the meeting.

FUJIAN LEADERS FETE XU JIATUN, HONG KONG GUESTS

OW152318 Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese 30 Dec 85 p 1

[Excerpt] (FUJIAN RIBAO report) At the invitation of the Fujian Provincial People's Government, Xu Jiatun, chief of the Hong Kong branch of XINHUA, and his wife; Mr Huo Yingdong (Henry Ying Tung Fok), a Hong Kong celebrity and president of the Hong Kong Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and his wife; Huo Zhenting [7202 7201 7200], son of Mr Huo Yingdong, and his wife; and Yang Qi, secretary general of the Hong Kong branch of XINHUA, visited Fujian 27-30 December.

Xiang Nan, Hu Ping, Hu Hong, Cheng Xu, and Yuan Gai met with them and hosted a dinner in their honor on the evening of 29 December.

SHANDONG SECRETARY ATTENDS OPENING OF JOINT VENTURE

SK160601 Jinan Shandong Provincial Service in Mandarin 2300 GMT 15 Jan 86

[Excerpts] With the approval of the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, the Shandong International Economic Development Company, our province's first comprehensive joint venture to carry out investment, opened business on 15 January. Liang Buting, secretary of the provincial CPC Committee, spoke at a reception held to mark the opening of business. (Huang Hongnian), president of the Singapore Joint Industrial Ltd, was present at the reception.

The major business of the company is to strengthen international economic and technological cooperation and exchanges; import advanced applicable technologies and scientific managerial methods; make use of the rich resources of Shandong to carry out investment in industry, agriculture, and tourism; conduct imports and exports of the products of the invested enterprises; and offer domestic and foreign economic, technological, and market information services. The company will do its business through various measures, such as joint ventures, cooperative production, processing and assembling, and compensatory trade.

ZHEJIANG OFFICIALS SELECTED BY PUBLIC EXAMINATION

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[Text] Hangzhou, January 15 (by XINHUA correspondent Huang Guowen) -- China, now trying to modernize, is experimenting with new methods for selecting officials.

One example is Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province, where nearly 30 people have been promoted to posts at the city government bureau or lower levels. Those who think they are qualified for official posts can recommend themselves, according to officials at the organization department of the city party committee.

The new practice breaks away from the existing system under which cadres are appointed by higher authorities with recommendation from that department.

The newly appointed officials will have fixed tenures for one to three years. This aims at changing the system under which official posts are lifelong.

More than 1,170 letters recommending new cadres had flooded the city government since the city authorities decided to select the first five bureau directors through public recommendation last July.

"We never expected so many candidates. That made easier for us to choose competent ones," said an official in charge of the task.

The five, chosen from over one thousand candidates recommended by the public, underwent investigation and were tested in written and oral examinations by committees of experts.

Most of the candidates were aged between 35-50 and had college education. The new policy calls for promoting those who are young and politically aware and have experience to leading positions.

In addition to the old approach of consulting personnel files and talking with candidates, written and oral examinations were given to test the professional abilities of these selected nominees. In an exam, Chen Gang, 31, now director of the city bureau of commodity prices, was asked to explain what he would do to control vegetable and food price increases caused by adverse weather. Chen proposed to raise the purchase prices of pork, rape and bean products while freezing their prices in state-run groceries by providing them with subsidies. His answer satisfied the examiners and, on their recommendation, he got the post he had wanted.

The other candidates were all asked to write papers describing programs and measures for their future posts. They were required to give a public reply to examiners after the papers were presented.

Engineer Zhang Minggang, 42, who had worked in Ningbo for six months, were appointed head of one of the city's key projects -- the Ningbo cardboard factory which uses imported equipment.

"I recommended myself but I did not expect the appointment since I have worked here for such a short period," said Zhang, who graduated from a forestry institute in the 1960's.

The new selection system of Ningbo City has won the approval of the Organization Department of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee and is being practised in two provincial bureaus.

EXPLOSION ON WUCHANG-GUANGZHOU TRAIN LEAVES 7 DEAD

HK170139 Beijing ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE in Chinese 1437 GMT 16 Jan 86

[Text] Guangzhou, 16 Jan (ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE) -- At 2213 yesterday evening, the seventh car of the Wuchang-Guangzhou Train No 247 exploded in a place between Baishidu Station and Pingshi North Station in Shaoguan. As of 1300 this afternoon, 7 passengers were dead, 14 were seriously injured, and 25 were slightly injured. The identities of the dead and injured and the cause of the exploding are still under investigation.

The accident has not affected the normal operation of either the passenger train or the cargo train on the Beijing-Guangzhou railroad.

HENAN MEETING CALLS FOR IMPROVING ORGAN STYLE

HK160219 Zhengzhou Henan Provincial Service in Mandarin 2300 GMT 15 Jan 86

[Excerpts] Henan Provincial CPC Committee Secretary Yang Xizong has been presiding over a Standing Committee meeting in the past 2 days to seriously study, in connection with Henan realities, the speeches of Hu Yaobang and other leading central comrades at the central organ cadre gathering. The meeting decided the efforts should be made, starting with the Standing Committee, to take the lead in linking with reality, in conducting comparison and examination, and in straightening out party style, so as to make the provincial organs an example for the whole province.

Yang Xizong said: Right at the beginning of this year, the CPC Central Committee has started with the central organs in seriously rectifying party style. This is a major policy decision that accords with the desires of the party, Army, and people. Henan must ride this east wind, and closely integrate consolidating the fruits of party rectification and getting a good grasp of reviewing the course of party rectification in the provincial organs with correcting unhealthy trends among leading organs and cadres. This must be regarded as a major task for 1986 and truly grasped well. We must promote a fundamental turn for the better in party style and social mood and the smooth progress of reform of the urban and rural economic structure.

The current political and economic situation in Henan is good. However, there has not yet been a fundamental turn for the better in party style. The provincial CPC Committee holds that the manifestations of unhealthy trends pointed out by the leading central comrades exist in Henan in varying degrees. In particular, political liberalism and ideological individualism exist to a rather serious extent among certain party-member cadres. Some people enthusiastically pass on gossip and make irresponsible remarks without regard for right or wrong. Some are seriously individualistic, use their powers for private purposes, and openly stretch out their hands to the organization for official posts, pay and conditions. Some even violate law and discipline and are involved in certain major criminal cases.

The Standing Committee members held: As far as province is concerned, the key to straightening out party style lies in the provincial organs and the leading cadres. Hence, in straightening out party style, we must certainly not adopt the method of making the lower-level cadres take the medicine for the illness of the leading cadres. We must start with the provincial CPC Committee Standing Committee and first straighten out the party style of cadres at and above section level in the provincial organs.

The Standing Committee meeting decided to establish a leadership group for straightening out party style in the provincial organs, formulated the following specific measures:

1. Seriously study the speeches of the leading central comrades.

2. Do a good job in comparison and examination. Beginning with the provincial CPC Committee, the CPC committees and groups of all provincial departments and units must hold party life meetings to examine and correct their own problems in light of the speeches of the leading central comrades. Problems that have been examined during party rectification must be checked to see if they have been put right in the course of a review. The units should examine whether they have met the demands of the central authorities and whether the masses are satisfied with them.

3. The provincial CPC Committee and the provincial organs must draw up plans and measures for straightening out party style and establish responsibility systems. These must be implemented under supervision by the masses. The principal leaders must be held accountable in units that fail to make good their plans and that have not achieved a turn for the better in party style for a long time.

4. Get a good grasp of investigating and dealing with major criminal cases.

HUNAN'S MAO ZHIYONG ON MILITIA, RESERVE FORCE

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[Text] On 11 January, at an enlarged meeting of the provincial military district CPC Committee, Mao Zhiyong, secretary of the provincial CPC Committee and first political commissar of the provincial military district, delivered an important speech. He emphatically pointed out that militia and reserve service work can be neither weakened nor canceled, but must be vigorously strengthened.

In light of the wrong view harbored by some people who believe that the less militia and reserve service work the better, and that no militia and reserve service work is even better, Comrade Mao Zhiyong pointed out that the militia is an armed mass organization which is under the party's leadership and is not divorced from production. It is also an important component part of China's three-in-one Armed Forces. The militia played a very important role in revolutionary wars in China. Any wars in the future will likely differ from previous ones. But people's war will be the main type of war in China through which we can resist foreign aggressors and defend our motherland. The militia is the foundation for waging a people's war.

Comrade Mao Zhiyong also said that even with economic construction as our central task, militia work must not be weakened. Over the years, the 1.8-2.1 million militiamen in our province have been playing an exemplary and key role in building the two civilizations. In the future, party committees and governments at all levels must put militia work high on their agenda and do their utmost to upgrade militia and reserve service work to a new level.

GUIZHOU PEASANTS PROSPER IN DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY

OW161814 Beijing XINHUA in English 1617 GMT 16 Jan 86

[Text] Guiyang, January 16 (XINHUA) -- Guizhou Province's peasants can earn more through living off the mountains than through relying on grain production.

One official from the provincial government said here today that the average peasant in the southern province earned 296 yuan last year, compared with 224 yuan in 1983, despite serious storms, drought, plagues of insects and other natural disasters. This was because the province had begun to take advantage of its mountains to develop a diversified rural economy since 1984, instead of the practice of the previous 30 years of overemphasis on grain.

Mountains cover 87 percent of Guizhou's area of 170,000 square kilometers, and more than 70 percent of the province's 30 million population are peasants. Thanks to development of forestry, animal husbandry, cash crops, mining and rural enterprises, the province's total agricultural output value increased by four percent from 1984 to 1985, while grain output decreased by 20 percent because of natural disasters, the official said. He noted that the output value of Guizhou's animal husbandry totalled 1.25 billion yuan last year -- 13.2 percent more than the year before.

The province has rich resources of cash crops, such as tobacco, tea, Chinese herbal medicines, tung oil trees and fruit. These crops earned Guizhou 710 million yuan last year. This was 7.9 percent more than in 1984.

Guizhou also has more than 80 known mineral resources, such as coal, phosphorus, aluminium, mercury, manganese, antimony and rare earths. Verified coal reserves amount to more than 49 billion tons, more than any other southern Chinese province.

With government encouragement, the number of rural enterprises in the province has increased from 180,000 in 1984 to the present 250,000, many of which are engaged in mining. During the period, the number of people they employ has doubled to about a million. The output value of these enterprises totalled 1.64 billion yuan last year -- 26 percent more than in 1984. However, the official added that while diversification of the rural economy would continue, the province would not neglect grain farming.

SICHUAN'S YANG RUDAI AT SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY MEETING

HK150530 Chengdu Sichuan Provincial Service in Mandarin 2300 GMT 13 Jan 86

[Text] At the second plenary meeting of the science and technology advisers group of our province, some 500 advisers actively offered advice. At the meeting, the advisers listened: to the report made by Governor Jiang Minkuan on our province's situation and on certain new and future scientific and technological problems; to the report made by a responsible person of the Provincial Planning and Economic Committee on the situation in carrying out the national economy plan; and to reports on, and explanations of, the situation in capital construction, education, science, technology, economic work, and resources made by responsible persons of the departments concerned at the provincial level.

The advisers stated that we must first have exposition and, as far as possible, proof before we make important policy decisions on economic and social development in our province. In formulating policy, we must further consider stability and comprehensiveness.

The advisers paid great attention to the problems of agriculture, and especially grain production. They also put forward views and suggestions on how to do well in education, how to make up for energy shortages, and how to take a correct view of social benefit.

At yesterday's closing ceremony, provincial CPC Committee Secretary Yang Rudai and Vice Governor Kang Zhenhuang spoke, hoping that the advisers would use their intelligence and wisdom to contribute toward the realization of the Seventh 5-Year Plan in our province.

#### XIZANG PROPAGANDA CHIEF DISCUSSES CURRENT TASKS

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[Excerpts] The Propaganda Department of the Xizang Regional CPC Committee held a meeting of leading cadres of propaganda system units on the afternoon of 11 January to exchange information and views and conduct in-depth study in going further in three respects [in negating the Cultural Revolution, in eliminating leftist ideological influence, and in correcting the ideological line]. Li Weilun, director of the department, gave important views on further conveying and implementing the spirit of the enlarged meeting of the regional CPC Committee Standing Committee. He gave the following seven views on this topic:

1. The propaganda system must take the lead in solving problems in going further in three respects and in correcting party style. This is determined by the nature, tasks, and responsibilities of the propaganda system.
2. It is necessary to take eliminating leftism as the point of breakthrough. At present we must focus on grasping two cardinal links: listing the expressions of leftism and finding out the causes of leftism.
3. We must simultaneously study and take action and translate study into action.
4. Conveying, studying, and implementing the spirit of the enlarged meeting of the regional CPC Committee Standing Committee must be done in conjunction with studying the speeches of Hu Yaobang and other leading comrades at the gathering of central organ cadres. In connection with the major review of party style, the region's propaganda units must take the lead in straightening out party style and set an example for the whole region with their lofty mental outlook and fine work style.
5. Seriously grasp the work of eliminating the vestiges of the Great Cultural Revolution. This is a serious political task. The leading comrades of each unit must attach great importance to this work, check on it personally, and pay attention to inspecting and supervising the work in their subordinate units. Through eliminating the vestiges of the Great Cultural Revolution, we must conduct education for the cadres and masses in totally negating the Great Cultural Revolution.
6. Strengthen leadership and implement in depth the work of conveying and implementing the spirit of the enlarged meeting of the regional CPC Committee Standing Committee. We must pay attention to grasping, analyzing, and solving problems of understanding among the cadres and masses. We must guide everyone's attention into creating a new situation. We must provide prompt guidance for certain muddled and one-sided ideas, and conduct appropriate ideological and political work to eliminate people's worries. This will help people to unite and work together to create a new situation.
7. On the basis of reviewing last year's work, we must make proper arrangements for this year's work.

NINGXIA'S INDUSTRIAL GROWTH SUSTAINED, COORDINATED

HK140939 Yinchuan NINGXIA RIBAO in Chinese 29 Dec 85 p 1

[Report: "Ningxia Has Achieved Sustained and Coordinated Development in Its Industrial Production During the Sixth 5-Year Plan"]

[Text] During the period of the Sixth 5-Year Plan, the departments responsible for industry, and various industrial enterprises in our region, have conscientiously carried out reform of industrial set-ups and product mix, and persisted in upholding the guiding principle of reform and opening up to the outside world. All this has speeded up technical reform and the technical progress of enterprises so that the industry of the whole region can get onto the right track of sustained, stable and coordinated development.

In 1984, the whole region overfulfilled the targets of total industrial output value set in the Sixth 5-Year Plan, 1 year ahead of schedule. Four years ago, the total industrial output value of the whole region increased on average by 6.1 percent every year. From January to November 1985, the total industrial output value of the whole region was 1.98703 billion yuan. This meant that the plan for the whole year was overfulfilled by 0.9 percent, 1 month ahead of schedule, which was 17.75 percent higher than the target set in Sixth 5-Year Plan. With regard to main products under examination during the Sixth 5-Year Plan, the production output of 24 types of product was overfulfilled 1 year ahead of schedule.

During the initial period of the Sixth 5-Year Plan, industrial production growth in our region dropped once. After carrying out readjustment of the inner structure of the industry in accordance with the needs of the society, our industrial set-ups gradually became rational. The main industrial proportions of the whole region began to change. The proportion of light industry in the total industrial output value increased from 26.06 percent in 1980 to 29.3 percent in 1984.

In recent years, our region opened its door wide, vigorously developing economic and technical cooperation with other provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions. It has taken active measures to import advanced technology and facilities from foreign countries to speed up the technical reform and progress of our industry, and to promote the development of industrial production. During the Sixth 5-Year Plan period, the whole region completed 85 technical reform projects. Total output value increased by more than 330 million yuan, and profit and tax delivery increased by 87 million yuan. During the past 5 years, we have made arrangements for the import of 59 technical items and facilities. By the end of this year, we can complete the work of importing 24 technical items. Some of these technical items have achieved marked economic results. We have also made tangible progress in the employment of new technology and the production of new products. Over the past 5 years, 508 kinds of new products have been manufactured on a trial basis, including numerical control machines; machine tools for processing centers; heavy-duty scraper conveyors; flax product series; monocrystals of lithium niobate; intermediate-frequency filters for television sets; testing machines for packing materials; heterochromous knitting wools for rod needles; purple-sand porcelains; camel hair wool; beer; Chinese wolfberry products; and so forth. They have filled in the gaps in our region's industrial production. In addition, we have popularized 12 kinds of new technology in industrial production, such as drying by distant infra-red radiation; composite mineralizers; refractory aluminum silicate fiber; using aluminum to replace silver in the production of mirrors, microprocessor controls, and others. We have achieved marked results in this regard.

Various localities, departments and enterprises have conscientiously implemented a guiding principle with the emphasis on enhancing economic results.

They have tapped the enterprises' potential, improved quality, reduced consumption, and constantly enhanced economic results. In 1984, the profits and tax delivery of industrial enterprises, as independent accounting units under ownership by the whole people, increased by 26.13 percent over 1980. According to budget, from January to November this year, the profits and tax delivery of state-operated industrial enterprises was 176.46 million yuan, an increase of 48 percent over the same period last year. Progress has been made in the manufacturing of excellent products. At present, there are seven kinds of products manufactured by our region which are regarded as excellent products of the whole country. There are 28 kinds of products regarded as excellent products by the ministries concerned, and 128 kinds of products regarded as excellent and high-quality products of the whole region.

QINGHAI MEETING STUDIES SPEECHES OF CENTRAL LEADERS

HK161005 Xining Qinghai Provincial Service in Mandarin 2330 GMT 13 Jan 86

[Text] On the morning of 13 January, Standing Committee members of the provincial CPC Committee studied the speeches given by central leading Comrades Hu Yaobang, Tian Jiyun and Wang Zhaoguo at the central organ cadres gathering. Comrade Yin Kesheng, secretary of the provincial CPC Committee, called for earnestly implementing the spirit of the speeches of the central leading comrades; for learning from central organs; for serving the people of the province; and for carrying forward the spirit of the foolish old man to create a new situation. At the study meeting of Standing Committee members of the provincial CPC Committee, Yin Kesheng and other comrades talked about their intial understanding after studying the speeches of Hu Yaobang and other central leading comrades. They stressed that the speeches of the central leading comrades are important directives for correcting party style and it is necessary to earnestly study them.

Comrade Yin Kesheng said that Comrade Yaobang stressed that it is necessary to carry forward the spirit of the foolish old man and to stress unity, firmness, and tenacity in struggle, during the Seventh 5-Year Plan period. We must study the speeches in connection with Qinghai's reality. The spirit and struggle mentioned in Hu's speech is aimed at current reality. Carrying forward the spirit of the foolish old man means that we must have a good mental attitude and must march forward steadily and firmly. The important thing for Qinghai is to lay down a good foundation, and it is particularly necessary to carry forward the spirit of the foolish old man so as to create a new situation every year. The unity of members of leading groups must have a new look. The work style of administrative organs must be changed into a new one. The work in all fields in the province must be upgraded to a new level.

The Standing Committee members attending the study meeting pointed out that administrative organs of the provincial CPC Committee and government must resolutely carry forward the four requirements put forth by Comrade Hu Yaobang -- raise efficiency, study hard, enforce discipline, and strengthen party spirit. They must resolutely and unceasingly deal with malpractices and cases in violation of law and discipline. While strengthening education, they must resolutely handle problems which must be handled. Provincial organs must set a good example to the whole province in correcting party style.

The participating comrades also said that first of all, it is necessary to correct the party style of leading comrades of the provincial CPC Committee and government.

DIPLOMATS CONFIRM PRC-U.S. NAVAL EXERCISE

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[Text] China and the United States have held a joint exercise in the South China Sea near Hong Kong. Diplomats see the maneuver as a Chinese gesture to compensate for the cancellation last year of a visit by American warships to the country. We have this report from Helene Chung:

[Begin recording] Western diplomats confirm that several vessels from the U.S. 7th Fleet held a passing exercise with two Chinese ships from the East China Sea Fleet. For several hours on Sunday, the two Navies sailed together and flashed lights in the exercise in the South China Sea.

The 7th Fleet was scheduled to make its first port call to Communist China last May, but the historic visit to Shanghai was abruptly canceled when Communist Party head Hu Yaobang told Australian and New Zealand correspondents that China would not accept nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed vessels. This conflicted with America's policy neither to confirm nor deny that its vessels carry nuclear weapons. The policy has caused a rift in the ANZUS alliance between the United States, Australia, and New Zealand.

Some observers believe the cancellation of the American ships' visit to China was due to misunderstanding; others believe China was trying to avoid offense to the Soviet Union by such a display of military cooperation. Helene Chung in Beijing for Commercial Radio News, Hong Kong. [end recording]

BACKGROUND OF XINJIANG STUDENT PETITION DISCUSSED

HK170703 Hong Kong MING PAO in Chinese 15 Jan 86 p 5

["Contributing Newsletter" by Tung Lin: "Background to a Petition"]

[Text] The petition presented in Beijing by the Uygur students of Xinjiang, which created a furor at home and abroad, has come to light. In fact, the petition was related to the one by Uygur students in Xinjiang.

The more than 200 Uygur students who presented the petition are students from four universities and colleges in Beijing and most of them are from the Central Institute for Nationalities. At 0800 on 22 December, the suddenly gathered at Tiananmen Square. Then they set out for the south gate of Zhongnanhai -- the Xinhua Gate -- carrying six large banners with slogans reading: "We want well-trained cadres of minority nationalities," "No nuclear tests in Xinjiang," "More development of education for minority nationalities," "Xinjiang should not be developed by criminals," and "Support to students' movement in Xinjiang."

In front of Xinhua Gate, the crowd of students dispersed on their own after presenting a petition including the aforementioned slogans to Jiang Ping, vice minister of the State Nationalities Affairs Commission.

On 12 December, 10 days earlier, a group of Uygur students had addressed a petition in Urumqi and other places in Xinjiang. The slogans they advocated were much the same as those raised by the Uygur students in Beijing. Referring to the slogan "We want well-trained cadres of minority nationalities," they actually meant that they wanted Ismail Amat, former chairman of the Xinjiang Autonomous Regional People's Government, who had recently been transferred to be minister of the State Nationalities Affairs Commission, to return to Xinjiang to take charge of work.

In October 1985, when the Xinjiang leading body was reorganized, Wang Enmao withdrew from the frontline because he was over 70, and became chairman of the regional Advisory Commission and the post of secretary of the regional CPC Committee was taken over by Song Hanliang. Meanwhile, Tomur Dawamat, a Uygur cadre, 58, replaced Ismail Amat as chairman of the regional people's government. Some Uygur people in Xinjiang, and particularly those in southern Xinjiang who have strong feelings of nationalism, were discontented with Tomur Dawamat, asserting that he was born in northern Xinjiang and could not represent the interests of the Uygur nationality because he has assimilated the Han nationality, and that Ismail Amat, born in southern Xinjiang, is the sole representative of the Uygur nationality. This is the very reason that brought on the street demonstrations by Uygur students in Xinjiang and Beijing.

All the students presenting the petition in front of Xinhua Gate came from Xinjiang to study in Beijing in the past year or so, and most of them are from Kashi in southern Xinjiang. After learning of the action taken by Uygur students in Xinjiang, they contacted neither Xinjiang students of other nationalities such as the Kazakhs, Tajiks, or Uzbeks, or other ideologically open Uygur students who can speak Chinese. They only consulted Uygur students who cannot speak Chinese on the petition issue.

The CPC departments concerned took a prudent attitude in dealing with the incident. All the questions raised by the students were explained by some departments concerned. It was said that responsible persons of the State Nationalities Affairs Commission, the National Defense, Science, Technology, and Industry Commission, the State Education Commission, the State Family Planning Commission, and the Ministry of Justice held a meeting with over 60 Uygur students in Beijing on 25 December to explain certain relevant questions.

Vice Minister of the State Nationalities Affairs Commission Ren Jie said that the State Council and leaders at various levels were willing to listen attentively to all the views of the students, either correct or incorrect.

An engineer working at a nuclear test base in Xinjiang said at the meeting: The base is located in a remote and uninhabited desert with a circumference of several hundred square kilometres. The radioactive pollution of all nuclear tests is strictly controlled to the lowest extent. According to the relevant data, so far no nuclear test conducted in Xinjiang has done any harm to the health of the people there or to other aspects.

Referring to the demand voiced by Uygur students that no criminals be sent from other parts of the country to Xinjiang for reform through labor, a responsible person of the Ministry of Justice said: Since the 1950's, the state has built dozens of reform-through-labor farms and factories in remote and sparsely inhabited districts in some areas of the country, including Xinjiang. He also said that efforts will be made to tighten surveillance to prevent escaped criminals from doing harm to the interests of the local people. Meanwhile, all criminals will be sent back to their ancestral homes after they are released upon completion of their sentences, thus avoiding trouble for the local people.

With regard to the execution of the family planning policy in Xinjiang, a responsible person of the State Family Planning Commission pointed out that this policy is applicable to cadres and residents of the Han nationality alone, and not to people of minority nationalities.

Vice Minister of the State Nationalities Affairs Commission Jiang Ping went to the Central Institute of Nationalities on 26 December to explain to the Uygur students why Ismail Amat was transferred to the State Nationalities Affairs Commission.

He said: It has been decided to appoint a cadre of the minority nationalities as the commission's minister. After the commission's former minister, Yang Jingren, left office, the state put Ismail Amat in this important position. With regard to the present chairman of the Xinjiang Autonomous Regional People's Government, he said, Tomur Dawamat is only 58 years old. He is still below the standard age set by the state for cadres at the provincial level. He studied at the Central Institute of Nationalities and the Central Party School. He is well-educated and has a high political consciousness. Meanwhile, he is quite familiar with the situation in Xinjiang for he has worked there for more than 20 years. Therefore, he is a desirable person for chairman of the regional people's government. Through repeated explanations given by the departments concerned, the Uygur students calmed down little by little.

#### 15 MAJOR ECONOMIC SWINDLING CASES IN SHENZHEN

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[Special Dispatch: "Fifteen Major Economic Swindling Cases Unearthed in Shenzhen Last Year"]

[Text] Shenzhen, 14 Jan (TA KUNG PAO) -- Our reporter has learned from the sources concerned that a total of 15 major economic swindling cases, involving more than 46.7 million yuan plus more than \$11.3 million, were unearthed in Shenzhen last year. So far more than 15.5 million yuan and more than \$6 million have been recovered, with more than 30 million yuan and more than \$5 million still uncovered. Four of these swindling cases are related to Hong Kong businessmen, involving a value of more than 6 million yuan.

The departments in Shenzhen in charge of investigation into these cases have found that the causes for these cases were, in the main, the lack of experience and the eagerness for profit on the part of some enterprises and units which were capitalized on by scoundrels. Offering to supply cars, rolled steel, color television sets, and other commodities, the swindlers coaxed the victims to sign phony contracts and defrauded them of their money in the form of advance payments, deposits, or service charges.

Knowing little about business, responsible people and officials of some units were cheated as they hastily signed contracts with the swindlers without carefully verifying the background of the latter, such as their capital, credit, and source of goods. Tempted by lawless persons with benefits, bribes, and women, some responsible people gave the green light to unlawful activities. Some enterprises which had implemented the contract system also failed to practice a sound administrative and supervisory system over some contractors and thus gave bad people an opening.

One of the most serious cases is the case of Wang Yali. Wang, over 40 years old, came to Shenzhen from Guangzhou in June 1984. She signed an overall agreement with the Shangbu District Commerical and Trading Company, contracting for profits and costs of a perfume and cosmetics factory. By exaggerating the capital of her company, she applied for and obtained a business license for an individual household in the name of the Tianma Company. Then, she used benefits and her own body for bribes, and thus managed to get loans totaling U.S. \$400,000, 1 million yuan, plus more than \$10 million from three units.

After having sexual relations on many occasions with Wang Yali, a financial manager of the Shenzhen International Trust and Investment Company extended to her loans totaling \$10 million plus 1 million yuan.

During the same period, Wang forged a business license and illegally engaged in the rabbit fur export trade, thus causing an oversupply valued at more than 6 million yuan. She also assumed a Hong Kong firm's name to borrow from the state to buy two villas and a factory building with an area of 2,600 square meters in Shenzhen. Meanwhile, she also illegally set up a private company in Hong Kong. Her case was uncovered in August last year, and the public security department has detained her for interrogation.

Among the 15 exposed swindling cases, 4 cases are related to Hong Kong businessmen. Early last year, an official of a certain company in Lowu District intended to buy rolled steel from a Hong Kong businessman. That businessman escaped back to Hong Kong as soon as he received the advance payment.

In May 1985, the Shenzhen Dongfang Trading Company signed a contract with the Hong Kong Han X Company on the purchase of Zebra brand pens. The contract involved more than \$1 million. When the ordered goods were delivered to Shenzhen, it was found that all the cargo cases were filled with waste paper instead of pens.

Between June and July 1985, Xie X Zhang and five other Hong Kong residents signed a contract with Lowu District authorities for the management of Nanhu Shopping Center. Making use of the official seal of the company, they signed various types of contracts with more than 100 business firms, defrauded them of a total of 2.3 million yuan, and then escaped back to Hong Kong.

In December 1984, a certain company at Nantou, Shenzhen, brought from the Hong Kong X Zhou Company 200,000 sets of electronic computer components valued at U.S. \$550,000 (equivalent to 2.75 million yuan). Inspection of these imported goods showed that 30 percent of them were rejects, with the rest being either the wrong shape or inferior. All the goods were simply useless. Of these 15 unearthened swindling cases, 12 involved state-run and collective-run units.

#### WEN WEI PO EDITORIAL HAILS LU PING VISIT

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[Editorial: "Helpful for Deepening the Discussion on the Basic Law -- Commenting on the Visit by Lu Ping's Party to Hong Kong"]

[Text] As of now, the work group headed by Lu Ping, secretary general of the Hong Kong and Macao Office of the State Council and deputy secretary general of the Basic Law Committee, has been in Hong Kong for exactly 10 days. Looking back on the past 10 days, one thing is certain: Lu Ping's visit to Hong Kong has made important breakthroughs in widely gathering opinions of the personalities of various circles in Hong Kong.

Lu Ping's party comprises 12 people: 5 Basic Law Committee members, 4 staff members from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Hong Kong and Macao Office Under the State Council, and the others are well-known Chinese experts specializing in international law, constitutional law, and other types of law, who are quite familiar with the constitutional system both in the East and in the West, thus being good at gathering and understanding the views of the local people. Lu Ping's party has adopted a deep and detailed work method. Apart from holding the necessary meetings attended by dozens of people, such as the forums attended by the Basic Law Committee members and the Basic Law Consultative Committee members, very often, they have tried to reduce the number of the people attending other meetings, and have had numerous group meetings and private conversations in order to gather more sincere views of the local people.

From what they have said and done during their 10-day stay in Hong Kong, we can see their sincerity in gathering the opinions of the Hong Kong people and their respect for the way the Hong Kong people do things. Before he left Beijing for Hong Kong, Lu Ping stressed that he would "only listen and not talk" during his visit to Hong Kong. However, since he arrived in Hong Kong, because of his own emotions and the persistent demands of the press, Lu Ping has always tried his best to answer people's questions and explain China's policies towards Hong Kong during his interviews with local people. Except for the structure of the basic law itself and those questions whose answers have not been unanimously agreed, other questions, such as the main agenda of the Basic Law Committee meeting to be held in April, the work of the Secretariat of the Basic Law Committee, the progress of China's study of the Hong Kong laws and so on, have been introduced by Lu Ping in great detail. After every major activity, Lu Ping is interviewed by reporters and briefs them on the activity in person so as to enable the citizens to know about the work of the work group through the news media. The change from "only listening and not talking" to "listening and talking," and the attitude of obeying the will of the people and speaking frankly and sincerely should be advocated in the future.

The 10-day stay of Lu Ping's party is only one-third of its itinerary, but Lu Ping and other members of the party have achieved remarkable results in making the Hong Kong people show concern about the work of drafting the basic law and gathering the different views of the personalities of various circles in Hong Kong. Since the Sino-British joint declaration went into effect in the middle of last year, the Basic Law Committee and the Basic Law Consultative Committee have been established and work has been done. But these are only organizational preparations for the work of consulting the will of the people of Hong Kong and the work of drafting the basic law of Hong Kong. The second meeting of the Basic Law Committee to be held in April this year will decide the structure of the basic law and establish full-time groups, all of which is only the beginning of the work of drafting the basic law. Just as personalities in both Beijing and Hong Kong have repeatedly pointed out: The Sino-British joint declaration has only set up a framework for the future Hong Kong. The basic law, whose drafting work will be participated in by the Hong Kong people, will be the blueprint of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to be established after 1997. We are pleased to see that Lu Ping's visit to Hong Kong has enabled some questions which have not been specifically stipulated in the joint declaration to gradually become the focal point of the concern of the personalities of various circles in Hong Kong. These questions include how the future Hong Kong legislative organ will be elected, through what kind of election and consultation the chief executive of Hong Kong will be elected, the relations between the executive and the legislative organs in the future, the relations between the central government and the government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in the future, how to specifically implement the principles of "one country, two systems" and "Hong Kong people governing Hong Kong", and how to deal with the questions concerning extraterritoriality, such as the questions concerning merchant ships, civil aviation, patent rights, copyright law, and so on. And Hong Kong people's views on these questions have been reflected by the news media through various channels. We believe that with the continuation of the discussions on the above mentioned questions, the strengthening of the exchange of views between Beijing and Hong Kong and the pooling of the wisdom of the masses, the basic law will surely give satisfactory answers to the questions which have not been specifically stipulated in the joint declaration.

Lu Ping's party will stay in Hong Kong for 20 more days. It should continue to work hard to extensively contact personalities of various Hong Kong circles and listen to their opinions. The Hong Kong people should think carefully and actively reflect their views and make due contributions to the drafting of a perfect basic law.

LIU HUAQING ADDRESSES NAVY EQUIPMENT CONFERENCE

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[**"Special Dispatch From Beijing"**: "The Navy Grasps Military Scientific Research, Modern Weapons"]

[Text] In order to keep in line with the strategic shift in Army-building guiding ideology, the Chinese Navy has decided to narrow the gap between its equipment and work advanced levels as quickly as possible. This was the main topic discussed at a Navy equipment and technology work conference held on the eve of the new year.

At the beginning of the conference, Liu Huaqing, commander of the Navy, delivered a speech on how to develop the building of Navy equipment at a time when Army-building has shifted to a period of peaceful construction.

Liu Huaqing said" One of the essential tasks of Navy modernization at present is to seize the opportune moment of the period of peaceful construction to make big headway in naval equipment. The most important thing in navy modernization is arms modernization. The key to arms modernization lies in military scientific research. Therefore, it is particularly necessary to strengthen demonstration work. Beginning with the Seventh 5-Year Plan, we must try to demonstrate a new generation of arms and make preparations for manufacturing in the Eighth 5-Year Plan so as to make considerable headway in the modernization of Navy equipment by the end of the 1990's.

In his speech, Liu Huaqing called on the scientific and technological research units of the Navy to rely firmly on the initiative and enthusiasm of the state industrial and scientific research departments, and at the same time stimulate their sense of responsibility and of being masters of their own affairs.

Deputy Commander Zhang Xusan delivered a speech, in which he pointed out: It is necessary to straighten out the relations among the following scientific and technological forces: the Navy equipment demonstration center, the troops for conducting experiments, the Army representative system, the military academies concerned, and the scientific and technological departments of the fleet and air unit. In addition, we must give full play to the role of each factor.

During the conference, Deputy Commander Li Meng made a speech to the delegates of the navy's air unit. He said: The equipment of the Navy's air unit should be brought into line with the Navy's unified management. The development of new models and transformation of the existing equipment should particularly be put under the management of the departments in charge of upgrading Navy equipment.

The Navy equipment and technology conference was the largest of its kind held since the founding of the Chinese Navy. Leading comrades of the National Defense Science, Technology, and Industry Commission and the PLA General Staff Headquarters attended the conference and made speeches.

According to another report, a new guided missile escort vessel undertaken by the Shanghai Hudong Shipyard was launched successfully on 28 December 1985. Representatives of the units concerned of the National Defense Science, Technology, and Industry Commission, the Navy, and the China Shipbuilding Company attended the launching ceremony.

This new guided missile escort vessel, designed and made by China, is one of China's most sophisticated naval vessels. It is also the first naval vessel manufactured after the implementation of the economic contract system.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE SUBSIDY TO XIZANG

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[Text] Government subsidies furnished by Beijing for the Tibet Autonomous Region reached RMB800 million last year. It will be increased at a rate of 10 percent annually until 1990. In the five years since 1980, total subsidies granted by the Central Government to the autonomous region amounted to RMB7,900 million.

This was disclosed by Mr Doje Cering, acting chairman of the People's Government of Tibet, at a cocktail reception opening the Tibet Exhibition and Symposium on Foreign Economic Relations and Trade on 14 January. The week-long exhibition is held at the Hong Kong Exhibition Centre.

On subsidies in foreign currency, Mr Anwang Gelie, director of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Bureau of Tibet, said that the Government adopts special measure. It will grant US\$8 million to the region annually and more if the need arises.

Referring to foreign exchange earnings, Anwang Gelie said Tibet earned over US\$10 million last year. All forex earnings are kept in the region's coffers, he added.

He noted that foreign trade of Tibet has been developing rapidly. Its export grew 20 percent last year compared with that of the previous year. Tibet exported goods worth some US\$2 million to Hong Kong last year while Hong Kong exported goods worth US\$600,000 to the region.

Mr Anwang Gelie disclosed that discussions on some 20 joint-venture projects in Tibet are now underway. The projects involve in solar energy, leather processing, electricity, hotel constructions and tourism and related facilities.

Besides, Tibet plans to open chartered flight services from Lhasa to Hong Kong or Guangzhou. The region has been approved by the Central Government to have a regional airline during the Seventh Five-Year Plan, disclosed Mr Mao Rubai, director of the Council for the Promotion of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade of Tibet. Mr Mao said that the opening of the airline will boost the communications between the region and the southern provinces as well as its tourist industry.

At present, Tibet has opened several cities to tourists including Lhasa, Rikeze, Zedang, Dingri, Zhangmu and Pulan. It has 10 hotels with 1,700 beds and over 200 air-conditioned coaches, Mr Mao said. It is estimated that some 10,000 tourists visited Tibet last year. About 40 percent of the visitors entered Tibet via Nepal while others took the Chengdu-Lhasa air route. The number of tourists is expected to increase to 20,000 this year.

In a reference to Tibet's unique scenic spots, Mr Mao stressed the need to upgrade tourist facilities. A long-distant call service is expected to open in the first half of this year.

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